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## HOTEL FIRE LATEST.

## OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO DISASTER.

## THRILLING STORY BY SERIOUSLY INJURED AMERICAN.

## NO TRACE OF MR. SETH.

No trace of the body of Mr. Enos Seth, or of other missing residents, believed to be buried in the debris of the King Edward Hotel fire, has been found in spite of an intensive all-night search, continued this morning. The endeavour to recover the body will be persisted in as there is little doubt that Mr. Seth, with others, perished in the blaze.

An official inquiry, embracing all aspects of the disaster, is to be held. It will take the form of a Coroner's Inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of the Australian victim, Mr. William Woods, and it will commence on Friday afternoon next before Mr. E. W. Hamilton and a special jury.

Of the injured, Andrew Piccoli, of the U.S.S. Memphis, is stated this morning to be "in bad way." He has suffered very serious injuries to his spine. He is able to talk, however, and has given a thrilling account of his terrible experiences in company with Fireman Kish, who was killed.

## INTERVIEW WITH SUPT. BROOKS.

A Coroner's inquiry into the fire at the King Edward and Savoy Hotels will be held at the Central Magistracy on Friday afternoon, with Mr. E. W. Hamilton sitting as Coroner.

The proceedings will take the form of an inquiry into the death of Mr. William Woods, the Far Eastern representative of Messrs. W. E. Woods & Co., of Sydney, Australia.

Approached by a Telegraph reporter, this morning, the Senior Magistrate stated that the inquiry would embrace the whole question of the fire, and a special jury will be empanelled for the purpose.

The inquiry will take the same course, it is understood, as that held into the disaster at Happy Valley 1918.

The proceedings will commence at 2.15 p.m.

### American's Thrilling Story.

A thrilling story of a choice between what appeared to be two certain methods of death, without any apparent means of escape, is told by Fireman Andrew Charles Piccoli, of the U. S.S. Memphis, who is among those who were injured and who now lies in hospital in a serious condition.

According to the story told by Piccoli, he and Kish, who lost his life, had taken a room at the King Edward Hotel on Sunday night. Sometimes during the nearly hours of yesterday morning, he was awakened by Kish and informed that they were trapped in a fire. On being aroused, Piccoli heard a number of ricksha coolies shouting from the streets.

After getting hurriedly dressed and grabbing all his belongings, Piccoli tried to open the room door to get out into the hall, but the flames burst into the room and forced the pair back again.

The two men then went to the verandah to find means of escaping from the burning building. On looking into the street, nothing but flames coming from the third floor met their gaze. A glance towards the upper floors showed the position to be equally serious.

### Plans Discussed.

Realising that escape either by attempting to descend to the lower floors or to ascend to the top storey was impracticable, the two men got back to the verandah and discussed plans of making their escape.

Piccoli told his companion that there was no use getting excited, as the building was made of stone and there was a fair chance of their being saved.

The smoke from below by this time started to reach the men who immediately used their neckerchiefs as gas masks. There were times when the wind appeared to change and this brought the men short intervals of relief from the suffocating volumes of smoke.

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## MAJOR SEGRAVE'S TRIUMPH.

ATTAINS SPEED OF  
231.36246 M.P.H.

BEATS WORLD RECORD EASILY  
AT FIRST ATTEMPT.

## SHOWER OF WATER!

New York, Mar. 11. Major H.O.D. Segrave's tremendous adventurous experiment in the quest for speed has proved triumphantly successful, the famous British racing motorist to-day setting a new world record for speed on land at Daytona Beach, Florida, in "The Golden Arrow."

He attained an average speed for the flying mile in both directions of 231.36246 miles per hour!

The American record set up by Mr. Ray Keech of 207.55 miles p.h. over the flying mile, has therefore been beaten by nearly 24 miles an hour.

Major Segrave's magnificent car, on the first run, raced down the sand track like the proverbial bullet at the sensational speed of 231.51126 m.p.h. To set an international record acceptable officially, however, it is necessary to speed in the opposite direction, the mean being accepted as the record.

Turning round after travelling miles beyond the mark-line in steadyng up, Major Segrave again exceeded 231 miles an hour, his exact time on the second venture being 231.21367 m.p.h.

This gave him a mean speed of 231.36246 which is the new mark for which designers have now to aim.

Reuter states that "The Golden Arrow" behaved wonderfully throughout the hair-raising exploit, while after Major Segrave had pulled up and received the overwhelming congratulations of all who witnessed the creation of the remarkable record, he stated that the throttle was never fully opened.

The car was designed by Captain Irving, who shares with Major Segrave in the honours of the feat, to accomplish at least 250 miles an hour, and its magnificent failure to achieve such an amazing mark may be laid to Major Segrave's explanation.

The only thing that went wrong in the final attempt on the record was the breaking of the tap of the cooling system. This resulted in Major Segrave being sprayed with water.

The American racing motorist, Mr. White, has announced his intention of attempting at once to break Major Segrave's record. He has specially built a White Special for the effort, but the British contingent are confident that the new British record will hold good.

It is notable that the difference between Segrave's up and down speeds was only .29753 of a mile per hour.

### The Car.

On another page will be found pictures of the "Golden Arrow," about which there is more than a touch of high romance. It is not a motor-car in the ordinary sense, but it represents the acme of everything that has been proved to help in producing speed. The quest of speed, and nothing else, informs every tiniest detail from one end of the chassis to the other, every square centimetre of the stream-lined shell bodywork which covers everything except the wheel.

The engine, which develops over 900 h.p., consists of three groups of cylinders, the two outer groups being set V-wise, the third being placed vertically between them. There is no supercharger, but the intakes of the three carburetors, which are set side by side in front, are so placed that the pressure of the air when the car is running at full speed may do the work of a blower.

### Motor Clutch.

Magnets are used, and not coil-and-battery ignition. The clutch is controlled with the aid of a Dowsdner vacuum servo motor. The 3-speed gearbox carries the drive to the back axle through a

## BANDITS ATTACK MISSIONARIES.

BRITISH PARTY HELD UP  
BY ARMED MEN.

## EVERYTHING STOLEN.

Foochow, Mar. 5. An alarming attack was made by bandits upon a party of British missionaries a few days ago, the victims being the Rev. and Mrs. Parsons, of the Church Missionary Society, and the Misses Townsend, Church and Houlden, of the C. E. Z. M. S.

The party were travelling back from the annual Synod meeting of the International Labour Office to Foochow to the station at Kutien when, between Chack Kau, the river port, and Kutien city, they were set on by a party of robbers armed with rifles and knives.

The bandits were most aggressive in their tactics. They compelled

## "TELEGRAPH" ENTERPRISE APPRECIATED.

Telling the Story of the Hotel Disaster.

The Telegraph wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of appreciation received from its readers in connexion with the early publication of yesterday's account of the King Edward Hotel catastrophe.

A special edition was issued and placed on sale as early as 10.45 a.m.

Not only was a fully descriptive and authentic story made available early in the morning, but further editions were issued containing additional details as well as a picture showing the fire at its height.

The aggregate sales yesterday constituted a record.

the missionaries to give up everything they had, including cash, passports, fountain pens, wrist watches, and even Mr. Parsons' hat and Miss Townsend's coat and spectacles.

Fortunately, nothing worse happened, and the victims appear to have borne their trying experience with much calmness.

It seems extraordinary that such an incident could occur on a public and much-frequented road, but so it is.—Our Own Correspondent.

He referred to the outcry to the inadequate definitions contained in the Convention, such as "hours of work" and "week" and also drew attention to the difficulties forwarded by the governing body forwarding the convention for revision.

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enumerating the British objections on the score of ambiguity.

He emphasised the fundamental danger of ambiguity in international law, inasmuch as each nation was able to apply its own interpretation. The submission of ambiguity to a permanent court of international justice was a remedy almost worse than the disease. The Minister contended that the ambiguities warranted the governing body forwarding the convention for revision.

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overcome in the lines of division con-

cerning industry, commerce, and

agriculture.

Mixed Establishments.

How, he asked, were mixed

establishments, (partly industrial

and partly commercial) to be

treated?

Could not forty-eight hours

weekly be spread over four or five

days?

Sir Arthur also mentioned the

difficulties of interpretation in-

so far as the very small industrial

establishments were concerned.

There was also an insufficient

distinction drawn between accident

and "force majeure" in connexion

with the circumstances in which

extended hours were permissible.

He asked if the necessity of finish-

ing a technical process of which

the duration could not be deter-

mined beforehand was "force

majeure."

Other Points.

A better description was need-

ed as regards the processes entit-

ed to use a 56-hour week, the de-

finition of over-time was not clear,

while the same could be said of

the question of making up lost

time and the rate of payment

therefor.

Article 14, regarding Govern-

ment suspension of the Conven-

tion in the event of national peril,

should be more precisely stated

and the transport hours problem

required constant attention.

If there were ambiguity in an

international convention it was

open to each nation that ratified it

to interpret it as it thought right.

It was clear to all who studied the

text of the Washington Convention

that the important points had

been enumerated, deserved reconsideration.

Not An Ultimatum.

In connection with the visit of

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, on

April 25th, 26th, 27th, we learn

that the original programme, pub-

lished by us last week, will be

adhered to with the exception that

the Duke will not stay at Mount-

ain Lodge but will make his head-

quarters at Government House.

There are six members of the

official party, and it has now been

arranged that two will stay with

the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes at Bank</

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### LATE MR. D. HARVEY.

#### FUNERAL YESTERDAY LARGELY ATTENDED.

A large number of sympathisers gathered at the Monument yesterday afternoon to follow the remains of the late Mr. David Harvey to their last resting place in the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley. The cortège was headed by Mr. David Harvey (Junior), Mr. C. Bond and Mr. G. Duncan (chief mourners). At the cemetery gates, the coffin was borne to the grave-side on the shoulders of Mr. R. Duncan, Mr. G. Duncan, Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. P. T. Farrell, Mr. P. W. Ramsay and Mr. T. Magill. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. J. Horace Johnston.

Among those present were the following.—The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, the District Grand Master (Dr. G. D. R. Black), the District Grand Master Depute representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland (Mr. E. J. Edwards), and Grand Lodge officers, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. B. Wyllie, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. R. Hall, Mr. H. Overy, Mr. C. Hat, Capt. D. Branch, Major White, Lieut. C. H. Atkins, Mr. T. Ferguson, Mr. J. C. Bonnar, Mr. G. R. Edwards, Mr. P. T. Farrell, Mr. A. W. Eastman, Mr. E. Hale, Mr. A. W. Heron, Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, Mr. A. R. Whibley, Mr. W. Russell, Inspector R. H. E. Marks, Mr. J. McLeod, Mr. A. D. Humphreys, Mr. A. M. Simpson, Mr. G. F. F. Thompson, Mr. D. Purves, Mr. V. C. Lairum, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. D. Muir, Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke, Mr. W. J. Rattey, Mr. J. Bradford, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. L. Guy, Mr. E. W. L. Hobbin and Mr. G. J. Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nish and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. W. Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kempton, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. C. Bond.

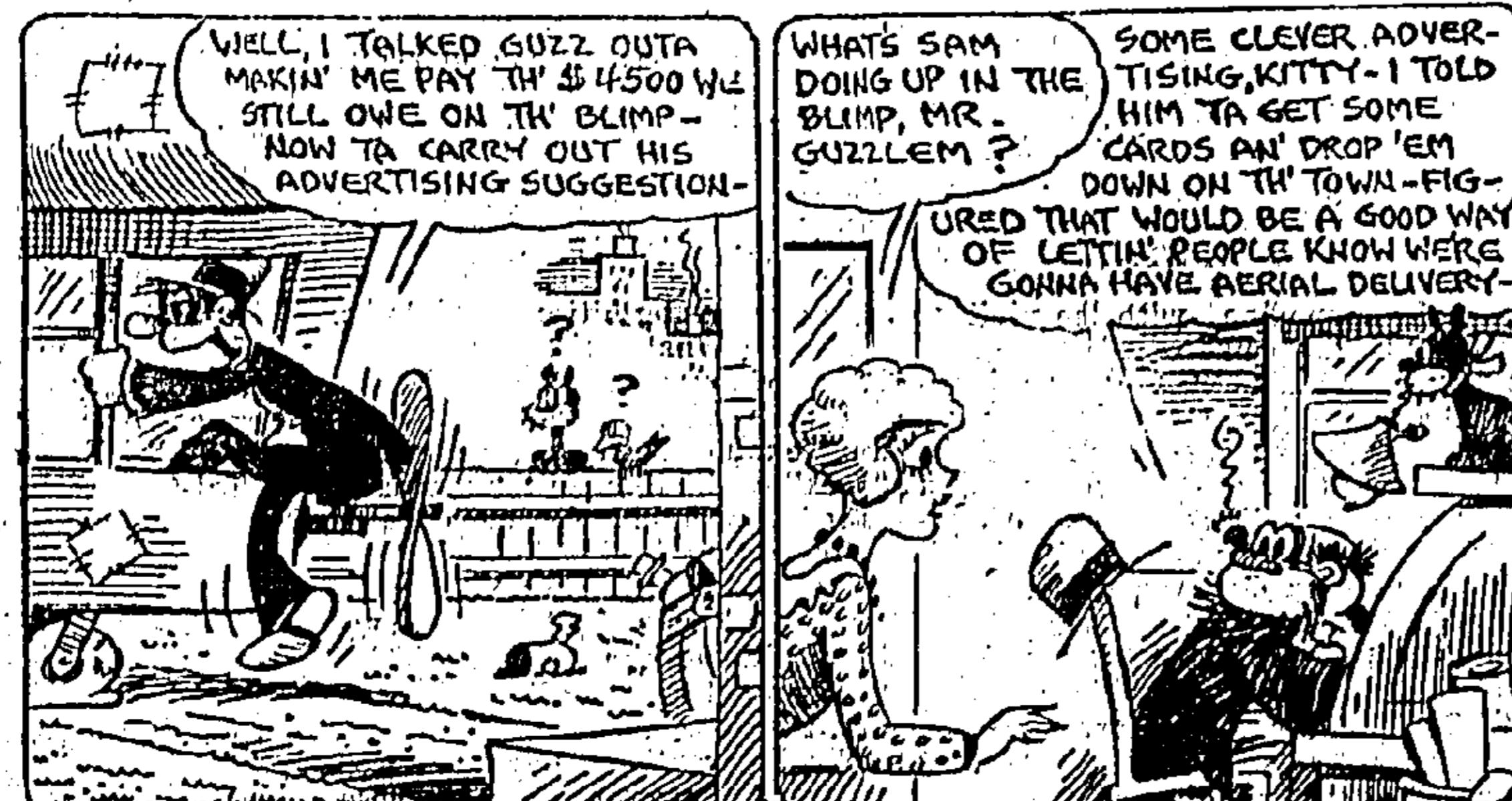
The Chinese staffs of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the United Oriental Asbestos Agency, Ltd., were also represented.

#### Floral Tributes.

The numerous floral tributes included tokens from the following—Jeanne and David (wife and son); Mother and Father; Willie and Betsy; Jenno and Jim; John and Gerald; Walter and family; Lizzie; Finn, Neilia and Alex; Bella and Jim; Billy and Lizzie; Aunt Maggie and Uncle Jim; Mr. and Mrs. C. Bond and family; Mr. C. Bond, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. G. Duncan and family; Mr. and Mrs. Blackie and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde and family; Mr. and Mrs. N. Watson; Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith; Mrs. B. Cuthbert; Mr. J. Barnett, Mr. C. Hatt, Mr. W. Cuff, Mr. J. McNab and Mr. E. Rasmussen.

Other wreaths were sent by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., and Mrs. Southern; the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association; Kowloon Bowling Green Club; President committee and members, Kowloon Cricket Club; members, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club; Kowloon Football Club; the Right Worshipful District Grand Master and Brethren, District Grand Lodge, Scottish Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China; President, committee and members, St. Andrew's Society; Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong; Government Slipway; China Light and Power Co., Ltd.; General Electric Company of China, Ltd.; Directors, Dodwell and Co., Ltd.; Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.; John Marsters and Co., Ltd.; Bradley and Co., Ltd.; Yung Fat and Co., and Gande Price and Co., Ltd. There were also several wreaths from the foreign and Chinese staffs of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.

### SALESMAN SAM



### SCOUTS' RALLY.

#### PRINCE OF WALES BANNER COMPETITION.

On Saturday last, the Boy Scouts Association held the first Prince of Wales banner competition rally for the current year in the grounds of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, by kind permission of the Rev. W. W. Rogers and the Church authorities.

Scout Troops from the Island assembled at the Star Ferry at 2.30 p.m., crossing by special ferry, while Mainland troops had to report at St. Andrew's by 3 p.m. There was an excellent muster, 16 troops attending.

As soon as the Scouts had fallen in for inspection, the Commissioner presented, on behalf of the local Branch of the R.S.P.C.A. the Challenge Cup for the winning essay sent in by any troop on inquiries into ways and means of furthering the objects of that Society locally. Scout D. Hunt received the Cup on behalf of the 5th H.K. Troop, his being the successful essay.

The 1st H.K. Sea Scouts were then presented with the Prince of Wales Banner won last year, the second year in succession, the 4th H.K. (Murray) Troop being the runners-up.

These little ceremonies completed, the Rally Competition commenced, the various tests being arranged and conducted by Mr. C. H. Blason, Asst. Commissioner, District Scoutmaster A. White, and Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Hon. Secretary of the Association. The tests covered sketch-map drawing, judging distances, area, weights, etc., message carrying, first aid, and observation and deduction. Tea was provided at an appropriate interval. Scouts not taking part in the actual contests were occupied with organised games in the grounds of the Central British School, kindly lent by the Headmaster. Mr. G. F. Nightingale.

At the conclusion, the Commissioner thanked the Rev. W. W. Rogers and the Church authorities and also those of the C.B.S. for placing the grounds at the disposal of the Scouts, and also reminded the boys that this was the last occasion on which Mr. Blason would be present at a Banner Competition Rally. From the very first he had been keenly interested and always provided very amusing and interesting competitions in observation and tracking. He would be badly missed.

Cheers were then given for the Church authorities and for Mr. Blason, who briefly responded, reminding the Scouts of the importance of the daily "good turn."

The troops then dismissed, the Hongkong ones marching down together to the Ferry and breaking off on landing on the Island.

Owing to much of the work being written, it was not possible to announce the result of the competition, at the end of the rally.

### MEXICAN SITUATION.

#### GENERAL CALLES DEFEATS THE REBEL FORCES.

Mexico City, Mar. 11. It is officially announced that in their first encounter the Government forces, led by the ex-President, General Calles, defeated the rebels under General Urbalejo, at Canitas.

The Government declare that the rebels changed sides when they learned Urbalejo was not fighting for, but against the Government.

Urbalejo escaped with a guard of only thirty.

The only favourable rebel news is that the southern half of Lower California has joined them.—Reuter's American Service.

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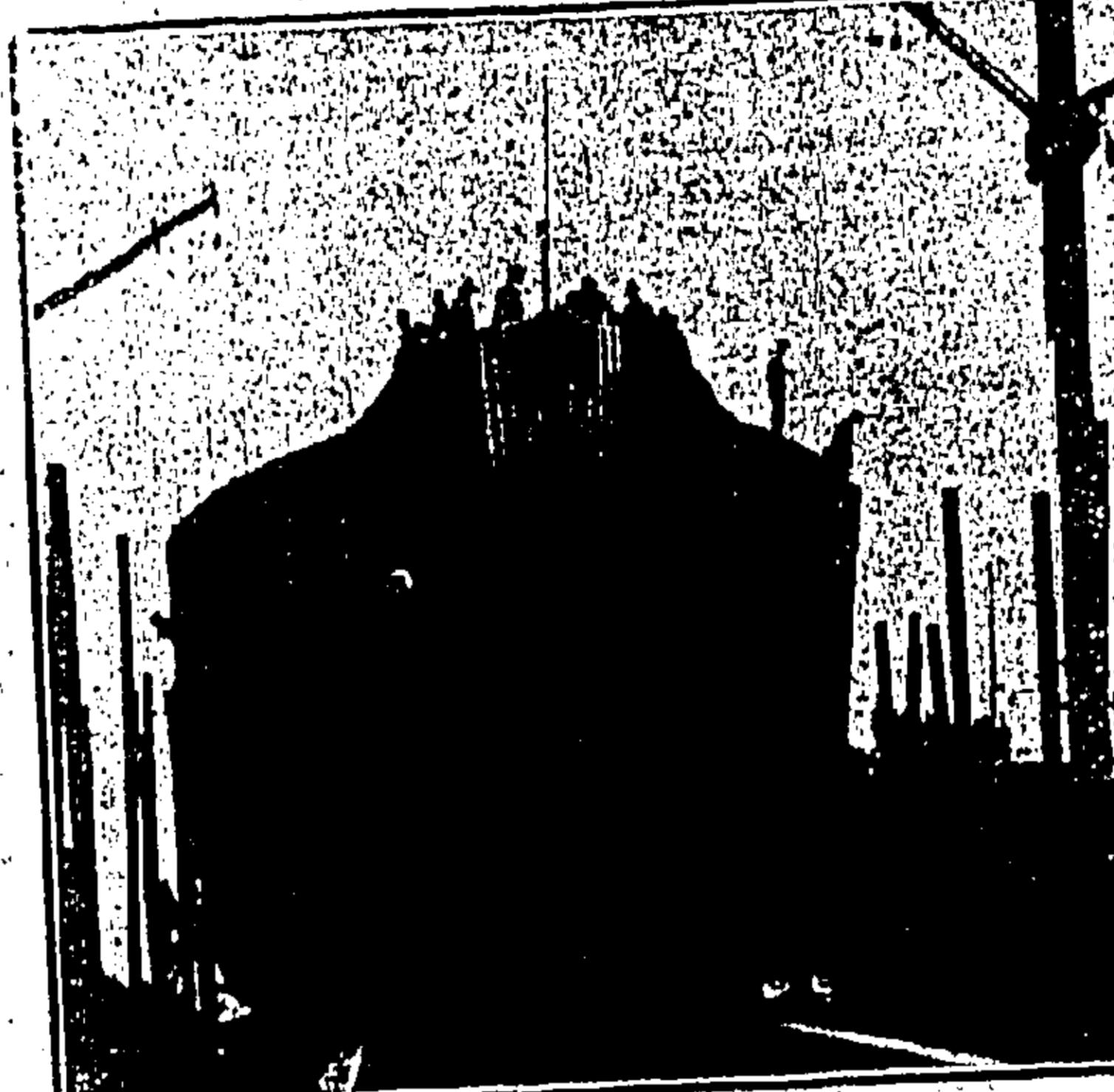
Above is pictured all that remains of the room at 146 Route des Soeurs Shanghai, the home of Lieut. and Mrs. Clau sing, where tragedy stalked recently. On the extreme right is a portion of the charred remains of the bed.



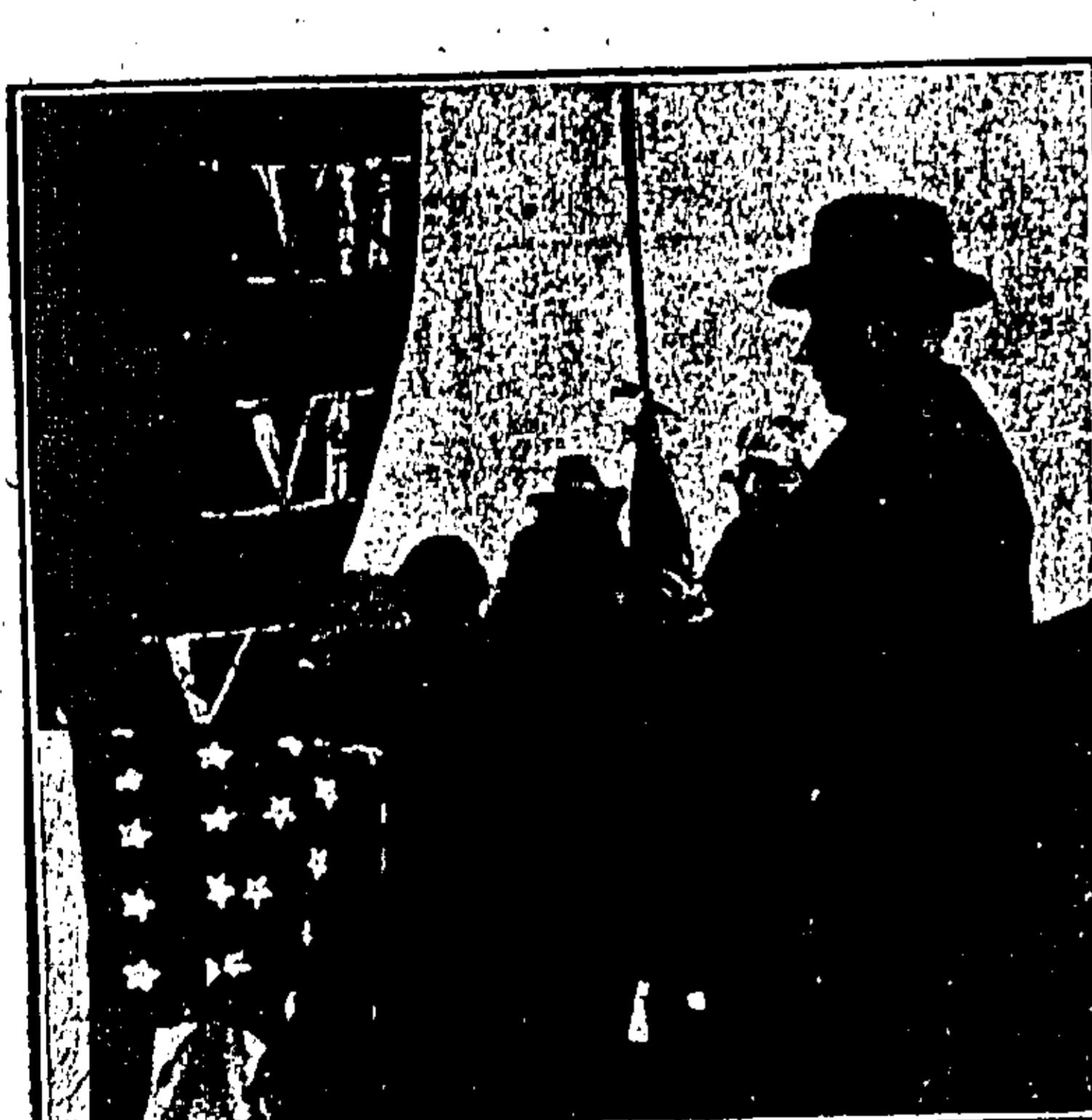
The "Singing Tower of Florida," or the bells of the Bok Carillon, are shown in the picture above. The tolls can be heard for more than fifteen miles. It was built by the publisher, Mr. E. W. Bok, in memory of his grandfather and was dedicated by Mr. Hoover and President Coolidge last month.



Another picture of the fire at the Clau sing's home in Shanghai.



Our picture shows the Yangtze River Steamship Company's new motor vessel I'Fung, taking to the waters with ease and grace. Her graceful lines were much commented upon at her launching, in Shanghai.



Dr. Anne Walter Fearn performing the christening ceremony at the launching of the new motor vessel of the Yangtze River Steamship Company, the I'Fung, recently.



After the wedding in Shanghai of Mr. William Henry Helm, S. M. O., and Miss Joan Gilbert Blyth.



The arrival at Peshawar of a party of Afghan ladies from Kabul. One is seen in the foreground veiled according to the purdah regulations which King Amanullah restored. (Times copyright).



Above is a group of men of the 2nd Batt. Wiltshire Regiment, photographed in Shanghai after their arrival from Hongkong.

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## Notice.

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## New Advertisements

### HONGKONG CLUB

#### NOTICE.

The First Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1928 issue—\$500 each) of the Hongkong Club, payable on MONDAY, the 30th September, 1929, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock a.m. on THURSDAY, the 21st March, 1929.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,  
T. A. ROBERTSON,  
Lieut. Col.  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1929.

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. The Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1929.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fortieth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Friday, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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A Few Pieces of Blackwood Ware

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## FORTUNE-TELLING BANNED.

### CANTON'S DECREE FOR ITS GRADUAL SUPPRESSION.

### A YEAR'S GRACE.

The Canton Municipal Council at a recent meeting passed a resolution to put an end to the practices of fortune tellers and others of this ilk who prey on the superstitions of the ignorant class.

The prohibition will take effect from January 1, 1929, says the *Canton Gazette*, and in preparation for the enforcement of this resolution the Bureau of Public Safety has been instructed to impose certain restrictive measures drawn up by the Council, to enable records to be kept of this class of people.

As a beginning, all fortune tellers will be required to take out licences, while progressively through the year other regulations will be instituted to reduce their ranks so that when the prohibition comes into force at the end of the year no undue hardship will be inflicted.

It will be recalled that the Municipal Government received an order some months ago from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Central Government, through the Provincial Government, ordering the abolition of superstitious practices of this nature and the Bureau of Public Safety was accordingly instructed. The Bureau suggested however that prohibition be not enforced abruptly but restrictions be imposed gradually so as to permit this type of people to have an opportunity of finding other vocations as otherwise the sudden deprival of their means of livelihood might threaten them with starvation and under the spur of necessity they may join the ranks of the lawless.

The suggestion received the support of the Municipal Government and the order for prohibition was subsequently held up pending the framing of suitable regulations to deal with the problem.

## HOME FOOTBALL SURPRISE.

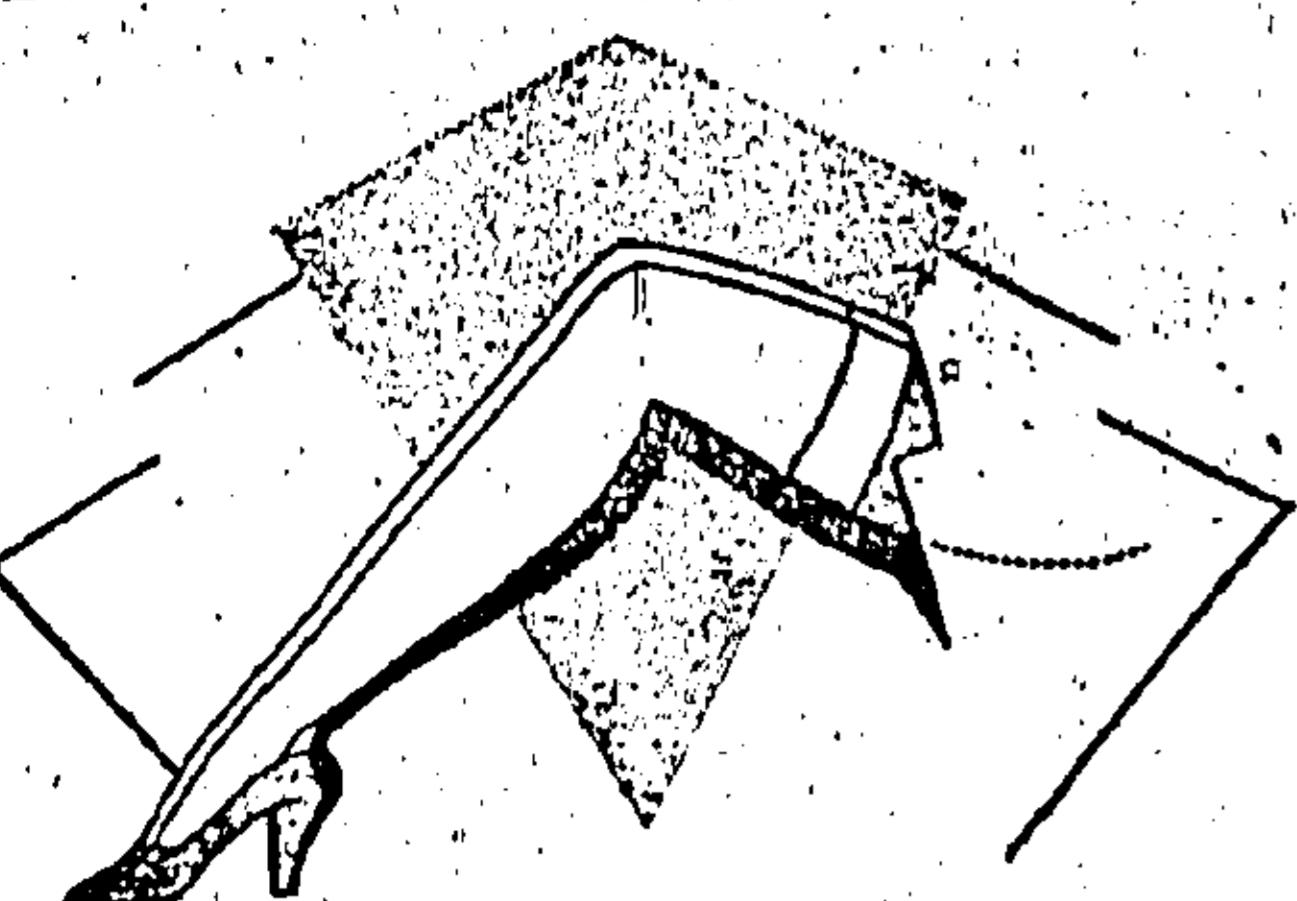
### WEST BROMWICH LOSE AT BIRMINGHAM.

London, Mar. 11.

The stock of West Bromwich Albion fell considerably to-day in the Second Division of the League when they were defeated at home by Bradford. Two league games were played, resulting as follows:

### Division II.

West Brom. 1 Bradford 2

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Famous the world over for smartness—wear—beauty—the Kayser "Slipper Heel" Hosiery of service weight. Woven with such exquisite delicacy that the fine texture quite disguises the service weight of the hose. With subtle beauty of color. The heel so cleverly designed that it excels all others in giving the ankle a slender, trim line.

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## WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



The smart gown picture on the left is of red moire, with a pert organ-plated bustle and a long side train. The model on the right wears a smartly cut white brocade gown, with a tremendously full and long side train, cut in one with the back section gown. The centre afternoon frock is of cobwebby lace of a soft pink. It has a curious little dipping bertha, capped over one shoulder.

**Jottings.****DIAMANTE BEADS.**

Graduated beads studded with diamante are the newest form of the sparkling necklace which is so fashionable just now for evening wear. The beads are made in white metal, closely covered with white diamante, and the necklaces are to be found in various lengths, so that they can be worn once or twice round the neck.

**Coloured Cigarette-holders.**

Cigarette-holders of stiff coloured paper with mouthpieces of horn, which can be offered to each guest and thrown away when soiled, are a novelty for the smoker. The holders are made in various colours, and sold in dainty boxes of the same shade, so that the hostess can choose holders to match her drawing-room.

**Knitted Silver Thread.**

Silver thread, knitted in strips with scarlet and green wool, makes a novel material for a smart pochette bag. The knitted fabric is mounted over grey moire, and the flap fastened with a triangular silver clasp.

**Jet and Taffeta.**

Jet beads arranged in festoons on a foundation of black are used effectively to decorate the skirt of a picture evening gown of black taffeta. The bodice of the frock is severely plain and tight-fitting, while the full net skirt with its trimmings is placed over a straight foundation of the taffeta.

**Brocade and Lace.**

Green and gold metal brocade is allied with coffee-coloured lace to make an original gown for afternoon or restaurant wear. The frock is cut with a full skirt and a simple fitting bodice, and the lace is introduced in the form of a deep yoke, and again as wide cuffs on the long sleeves.

**Amber Accessories.**

Clear amber, delicately carved,

**Prejudice.****The Ideal Shoe.****PLAINNESS AND CUT.**

Very few people will cheerfully admit, in these days of broad-mindedness, that they ever give way to prejudice.

Most of us would like to be able to believe that, animated by that love of fair-play which is characteristic of the Briton at his best, we make a rigid rule of weighing our judgments carefully before we praise or blame. Yet how far short the best of us fall in the judgments we pass on the people we know and meet as friends or as foes every day!

The qualities that attract or repel, act with all but the most rigidly just individual, as unnoticed agents pleading for or against.

A fault that is unpardonable in one person seems easily accounted for and not nearly so grave in another.

The memory of one's good deeds lingers long, while the bad deeds of another are remembered for ever, and his good deeds quickly forgotten.

We are all equally liable to these aberrations in our sense of fair-play, but it is fatal to let them sway us in our actions.

There is no injury that embitters and rankles like that caused by injustice.

makes a beautiful cigarette holder, the stem being made of clouded amber matching in tone. The two portions of the holder are joined by a band of emeralds and diamonds, and to match the holder there is an amber cigarettes case with a diamond and emerald monogram.

**Double Lamp Shades.**

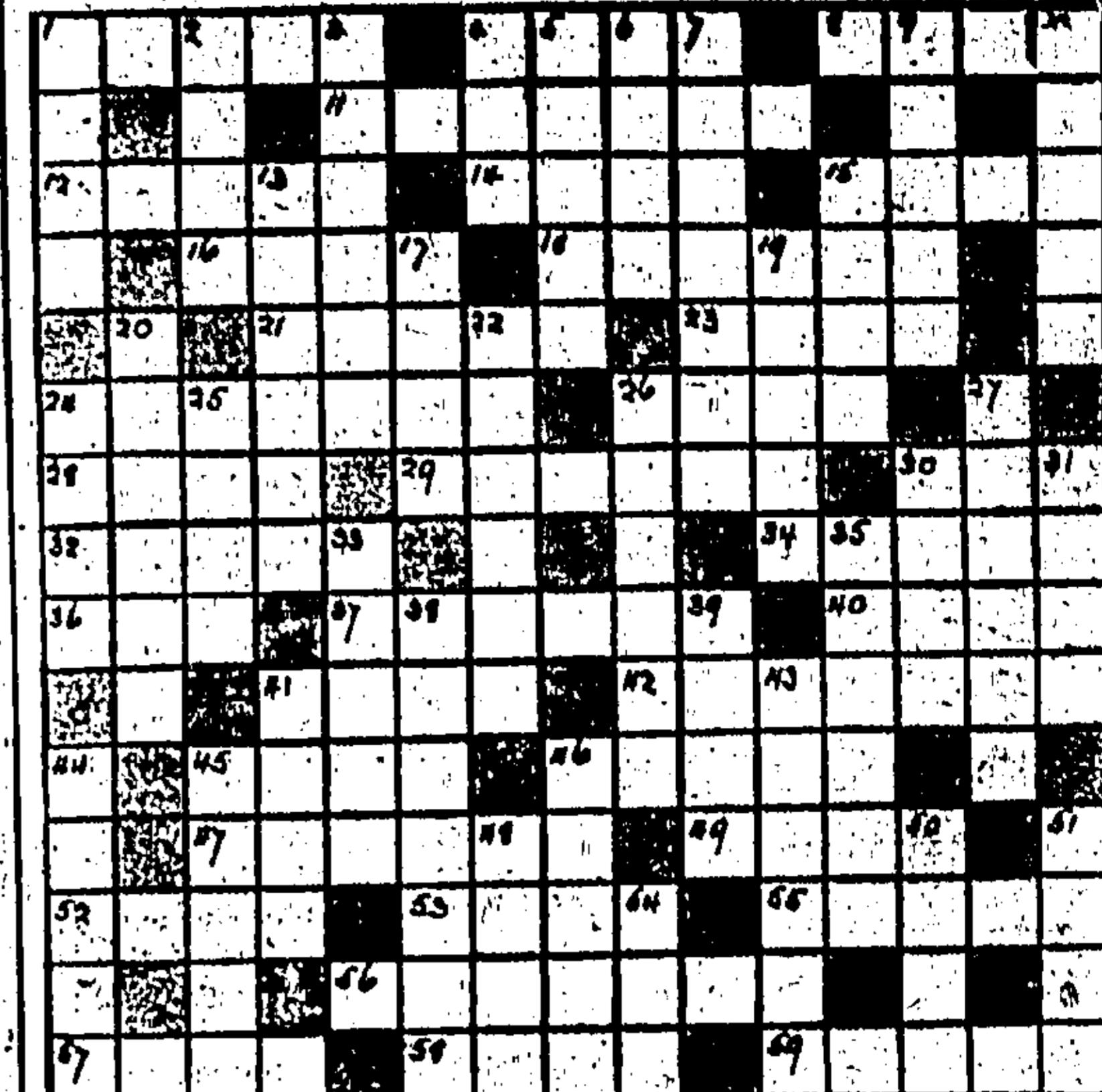
Double glass lamp shades, with a design on the inner shade, so that the figures show through faintly when the lamp is alight, are a novelty shown in the shop just now. The inner shade may have a design of fish, ships, flowers, or figures in picturesque costume, and the outer shade is made in slightly opaque but colourless glass.

There was probably never so much variety in shoes as at the present moment, and the sales in London are bringing out ostrich, lizard, pigskin, boa-constrictor, and all the inhabitants of the Garden of Eden, with which to shoe myriads of Eve. It is perhaps for this reason that it has become so entirely impossible to get a really plain shoe which depends for its effect almost entirely upon its cut.

The strapped shoe is probably one of the most convenient shoes ever devised, combining, as it does, the advantages both of shoe and sandal. The Charles IX. strapped shoe is also one of the plainest.

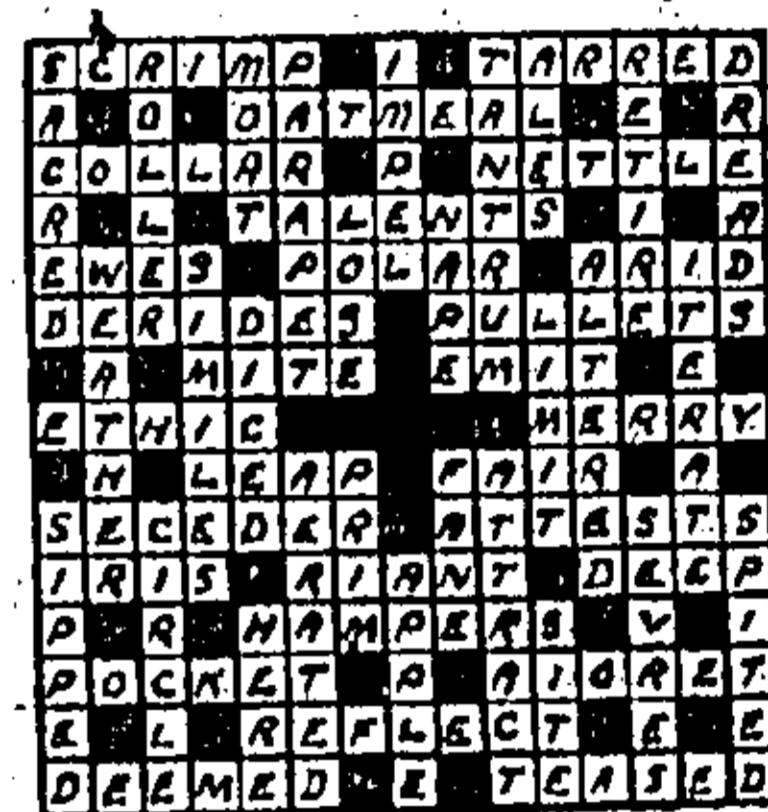
It has no stitching. It is made throughout of one kind of leather. There is no toe-cap, pseudo or other, and it is supremely comfortable. While the low heel is steadily making its way, the eye has not yet grown sufficiently accustomed to the larger effect of the foot caused by it to see in it its smart foot-gear as the shoe with a heel. But this is not to say that heels in their turn must have all the twirls and curles of Louis Quinze, or that they must begin somewhere under the middle of the foot instead of being really heels.

The very smartest kind of shoe, and consequently one that is most difficult to get, is made of absolutely plain leather in patent, calf, or glace kid. The toe reaches moderately high up the foot without any break of stitching or toe-cap, and the strap also is plain and fastens with never more than one button. The heels should be moderately Cuban. This gives a straight, firm cut, which enhances silk stockings and has none of the silly look which spoils so many good shoes to-day. Where two kinds of leather are used these also should be absolutely plain and without stitching or perforation of any kind.

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- Revoke.
- Pronoun.
- Rendi.
- Formerly.
- Soft species of hair.
- Sacred hymns.
- Rum like water.
- Request.
- Train of attendants.
- Lively.
- Opposite of a weather.
- Withdraw one's self from.
- Sicken.
- Fling suddenly.
- Compact.
- Era.
- Combating grounds.
- Pinches.
- Jetty.
- Irritates.
- Dispatched.
- Perfume.
- Engine of war.
- Swimming bird.
- Handsome.
- One of the crow family.
- Weird.
- Spent to.
- Grieved for.
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**

Mrs. D. Harvey and family wish to express thanks to their many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement and for the many beautiful floral tributes sent.

**BIRTH.**

**LOGAN.**—At Victoria Hospital on 11th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Logan, P.W.D., a daughter.

**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY MARCH 12 1929.

**HOTEL FIRE DISASTER.**

For the second time within a little over three years, Hongkong has experienced a terrible hotel fire. Yesterday morning's disastrous holocaust at the King Edward and Savoy Hotels, Ice House Street, ranks, in point of casualties, far more seriously than did the fire at the Hongkong Hotel on New Year's Day, 1926. Breaking out in the very early hours of the morning when residents were asleep in the beds, the fire at the King Edward Hotel spread with such alarming rapidity up the wooden staircase that the best-known way of retreat was cut off to many. The fact that a stone staircase ran down the back portion of the premises does not appear to have been generally known, with the result that a fatality list, of both Europeans and Chinese, runs into double figures. With these unfortunate victims and with their relatives, the utmost sympathy will be felt. In such a fire it was inevitable that there would be thrilling escapes and rescues, and there have been justly high praises meted out to members of the Fire Brigade, the Police Force and to the British sailors and civilians who were early on the scene. Prodigious efforts were made by all, and, in view of the fierceness of the fire at its height, it says much for the hard work of the Fire Brigade that the Hotel Savoy was only involved as far as the two top floors. It would not have been surprising if the whole block had been gutted.

Perhaps the main reflection with which one is left after reviewing the outbreak and its death-dealing spread is that the heavy ornamental wooden staircase of the King Edward Hotel, in the vicinity of which the fire first broke out, proved an unbeatable fire hazard once it became ignited. It was from this raging shaft of flames that the fire spread out along each floor, eventually enveloping the whole building. And the question naturally

arises in one's mind as to whether the majority of the big buildings in the city are not at fault in this respect. If we take the big and older buildings in turn, Prince's Building, Queen's Building, St. George's Building, York Building, King's Building, and others, we find that all the main stairways are of wood, though it is true that most of the buildings are fitted with fire-proof stairways for use in case of emergency. Inasmuch as none of these buildings is used for residential purpose, the risk of heavy loss of life through fire is not so great as in the case of a hotel, but the fact remains that the main stairways are of wood and, therefore, highly hazardous. Not only does this entail a greater annual expense in the way of high insurance rates, but it is a constant premium on the safety of many of our city workers. The need for stricter fire protection (or prevention) might well form the subject of a general enquiry by the Government and the insurance people concerned, and it might be that a regulation calling for the provision of fire-proof staircases would be found to be justified. At any rate, we make the suggestion for what it is worth.

The time-table of yesterday morning's events proves that the Fire Brigade responded promptly to the call, and that within a short space of time the full complement of engine and floats was at work. But, owing to the fact that Hongkong is suffering from a water shortage, there was lack of pressure in the Des Voeux Road mains—a factor which was greatly hampering to begin with. The fire escapes were found to be too short to reach the top-most floors of the blazing building and further consideration must be given to the question as to whether Hongkong's fire-fighting equipment is as full or up-to-date as it should be. There was nothing wrong with the personnel or its direction, but there ought to be an examination regarding the adequateness of the equipment. Unless we are going to learn the lessons that such unfortunate disasters can teach, we shall leave ourselves open to the reproach that we do not care.

**War Fever.**

The war fever in China appears to be dying down rapidly and, presuming no unexpected development occurs, the likelihood of fighting between Nanking and Hankow is now extremely remote. The dispute has been dragging on too long in the form of mutual recriminations and explanations to cause further fears of open conflict; in fact, we are almost inclined to believe Marshal Chiang Kai-shek when he says that the Central Government will not resort lightly to war. The unknown factor at the moment is the effect of the resignation of General Li Chung-yen, the Hankow leader. His telegram to the Central Government would indicate that he is thoroughly disgusted with the whole business, thus his desire to cut adrift. His resignation is all embracing, General Li Chung-yen asking to be relieved of his responsibilities as Chairman of the Wuhan Divisional Political Council, Commander of the Fourth Group Army and Member of the State Council. We shall be greatly surprised if a strong appeal is not made to General Li to change his mind, not only because he is held in high esteem by those who know him well, but because of the dangers that might attach to the appointment of a successor to the high office mentioned. His withdrawal from the stage at this time might easily precipitate the crisis which has been held off so long, unless the delicate situation is handled with the greatest care.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's letter sums up the position neatly. Since General Li Chung-yen's departure from the Wuhan area, no responsible official has been granted the Wuhan authorities, and even his own orders have carried little force. In other words, since the cat has been away the mice have been playing very nicely according to their own tunes. Nanking is now presented with a difficult problem. Should they decide to elect a successor to General Li Chung-yen, and should they make their choice from outside the coterie now in control at Hankow, it seems fairly obvious that the Central Government's dignity will be ruffled once again.

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**DAY BY DAY.**

A GORGEOUS HAT IS A CONFESSION THAT THE FACE IS PALTRY. THE FINER THE PICTURE THE SIMPLER MAY BE THE FRAME.—W. R. Titterton.

The P. and O. s.s. Naldern, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

Mr. J. P. Bourne was amongst the passengers who left by the President Taft to-day.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the President McKinley were Sir Elly Kadoorie, Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mr. D. Timmins, Mr. L. Goldman and Mr. T. Carr Ramsey.

The St. John Ambulance Corps has had a very busy time during the past few days. Members were on the scene of the King Edward Hotel fire at 8.30 a.m. yesterday, also at early morning fires on Saturday and Sunday.

Pleading guilty to a charge of stowing away from Keelung, Formosa, on board the s.s. Tilkini, an unemployed Japanese was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The death took place suddenly in the Royal Naval Hospital this morning of Mr. F. J. Connolly, master of the R.F.A. France. About 46 of age, Mr. Connolly was transferred to the France from the Kharid last year. The funeral will probably take place to-morrow.

A further week's formal remand was applied for by the police in the case in which six men were charged, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in connection with the murder of a gardener at Ell Cottage, Old Kowloon Tong.

A complete change of programme will be presented to-day at the Queen's Theatre by Sam Ku West and his Paradise Harmony Boys. Miss Ada Kawakami will also be seen in new items. The picture film is "Tea For Three," starring Lew Cody and Aileen Pringle.

A wolf hound belonging to Mr. F. M. Ellis, of No. 465, The Peak, has, according to a police report, been sent to Kennedy Town for observation and destruction. The animal is reported to have bitten Dr. Aubrey about a fortnight ago and yesterday it bit Mr. J. Jack of Messrs. Wm. C. Jack & Co. The owner has asked for the dog to be destroyed.

**THE COTTON MARKET BAROMETER.****AMERICAN CROP SHOWS A DECREASE.**

London, Mar. 11.

An interesting analysis of the world's cotton trade is contained in a report issued by the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Associations.

The cotton mill consumption of the world in the six months ended January 31st, according to the figures issued, was 12,750,000 bales, a slight decrease as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

East Indian, Egyptian and other growths increased, but the American crop showed a decrease of 613,000 bales.

Britain's total consumption was 1,440,000 bales, a slight decrease.

Seventy-six mills in England with 3,951,000 spindles stopped work.

Reuter,

**51 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM**  
By W.W. Wentworth

**20. TAKING DANGEROUS FINESSES**

North (Dummy)—  
♦ 8 6 7  
♥ 8  
♦ 10 8 7 4 3  
♣ 4 4 K Q 4

South (Declarer)—  
♦ A K J 10  
♥ A 9 8  
♦ 9 8  
♣ 9 8 7 6

West—Leads ♠ K  
East—

South (Declarer)—  
♦ A K J 10  
♥ A 9 8  
♦ 9 8  
♣ 9 8 7 6

The bidding: South bids one spade. East passes. North bids two spades and all pass.

Deciding the Play: West leads King of hearts and Declarer takes trick with Ace of hearts, plays another heart and ruffs it in Dummy. Declarer then leads 8 of spades from Dummy. Should Declarer finesse?

The Error: Declarer plays the Jack of spades or 10 of spades.

The Correct Method: Declarer should not finesse because if the finesse fails, a capable opponent will immediately lead a spade and the losing heart will not be made. Without the finesse game is assured as you can ruff the remaining hearts.

The Principle:—As a rule, do not finesse trumps when you hold losers that must be ruffed in Dummy.

**THE POLICE RESERVE.****ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.**

Police Reserve Orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

Strength.—Constable R64 Kiang Luen Cheong has been permitted to resign having completed one full year's service, with effect from March 7th.

"First Aid to the Injured."—Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, March 18th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore under Crown Sergeant Kit Ow Young Kin Hong on Wednesday, March 13th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Annual Examination in Part 2.—The examination in Part 2 of Training Course will continue at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, March 14th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp, under Chief Inspector H. J. Paterson, Principal of the Police Training School.

Indian Company.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, March 19th, for drill under Sergeant Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, belt and cap without cover.

No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad.

Leave.—Constable R627 Poon Wing Fook has been granted two months' sick leave commencing February 8th.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, March 12th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, March 14th. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 6.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Strength.—The following have been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters' Company:—Constable R437 F. A. Broadbridge, as from March 7th; Constable R438 N. Strandmoor, as from March 6th; Constable R439 A. Cross, as from March 6th; Constable R440 H. H. Lasham, as from March 7th.

Revolver Practice.—Members of the Sharpshooters' Company are reminded of the revolver practice to be held on Sunday, March 17th, at 10.00 a.m., for details, see last week's orders.

"Defendu" Class.—This will be held as usual on Monday, March 18th, at Police Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress—Muti.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.)

**ITALIAN DESTROYER AT CANTON.****"MUGGIA" ARRIVES WITH CONSUL.**

The Italian destroyer Muggia arrived on Sunday afternoon with Commandante S. Carrara, Consul-General for Italy in Hongkong, on board. Visits were exchanged between the Commanders of the Italian ship and the Commanders of the British, French and Japanese gunboats in port.

The Italian destroyer Muggia is the old Austrian boat Cescep of 850 tons, launched in 1912 and surrendered to Italy under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles in September, 1920.

The Muggia expects to remain in port until next Sunday.

**EXCHANGE RATES.**

London, Mar. 11.

Paris	124.22%
Brussels	84.95
Berlin	12.11%
Copenhagen	20.44%
Vienna	18.20
Helsingfors	84.52%
Lisbon	19.24
Bucharest	10.84
Buenos Aires	.8174
Shanghai	2/3%
Yokohama	1/10 1/32
New York	4.85%
Geneva	28.22
Milan	12.69%
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.19
Prague	.163%
Madrid	82.92%
Athens	.276
Elo	.5%
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	1/11/12
Silver (Spot & Forward)	25 15/16
British Wireless	

*The Very Idea!*

A proposal to alter ancient academic statutes has been presented by a delegation of the woman undergraduates of the leading Swedish universities to the Swedish Minister of Education.

The object is to induce him to make female as well as male undergraduates eligible for bursaries. Many of these bursaries were founded many centuries ago and apply generally only to "youths." The young ladies now urge that since girls are entitled to attend

**BANK EXCHANGE CONTRACT.****MR. JENKIN ON DUTIES OF PARTIES.****RENUNCIATION POINT.**

Mr. F. C. Jenkin made his final address on behalf of the Banque Industrielle de Chine in the Supreme Court this morning, when the exchange contract case was continued. The bank is claiming against Tuen Kee Hong for \$11,554.78 damages for breach of an exchange contract for the purchase of £10,000 sterling in London. It is alleged by the defense, for whom Mr. Eldon Potter K.C., is appearing, that the bank broke the contract by closing its doors when insolvent on July 2, 1921, which was the month during which the contract was current.

Quoting leading authorities, Mr. Jenkin pointed out that there was always a period in which performance of a contract must be made. He explained that it had been held that the mere suspension of payment by a bank was not a breach of contract, because the liquidator might have accepted certain bills. In any case the shutting of the Banque Industrielle's doors did not carry the alleged breach any further than had the manager stood on the front steps and said he would not carry out the contract.

There was nothing, continued Mr. Jenkin, on which his Lordship could find that, in fact, the Provisional Liquidator would not have carried out the bank's part of the contract by paying the money in London.

His Lordship asked if Mr. Jenkin made that submission in the light that it would not be incumbent upon Mr. Jenkin to show that the Provisional Liquidator would have paid, to which counsel assented.

**No Break.**

Counsel proceeded to deal with other points not laid down in the authorities from which he argued that insolvency or bankruptcy were not breaches of contract as it was not impossible for the trustee to still perform a contract. The fact that the bank suspended payment, said Mr. Jenkin, was no proof at all that they would not have carried out the contract.

Mr. Jenkin then spoke regarding to what either or both parties should do in the event of a contract being regarded as broken or repudiated. They had to show their intention either in express words or in some act which was binding upon them, capable of clear establishment by proof of which there could be no doubt. If nothing was done by either side for an inordinate length of time then there was a right to infer that both parties treated the contract as being at an end.

His Lordship asked whether the defendant had done everything necessary. The defendant had said in evidence, that he enquired about the matter and was told that the contract could not be carried out, a decision which he accepted. Mr. Jenkin now said that defendant ought to have written to the bank manager to the effect that as he was unable to carry out the contract he (defendant) accepted the renunciation.

Mr. Jenkin said a mental conclusion was not sufficient. There must be some communication or act for renunciation. A party should declare his acceptance of renunciation at the earliest possible moment.

He added that when defendant interviewed the compradore, he concluded in his mind that the contract was at an end, but that was not enough.

The case is proceeding.

**THE KING GOES OUT OF DOORS.****FIRST TIME FOR FOUR MONTHS.**

London, Mar. 11. For the first time for four months, H.M. the King was out of doors to-day. The weather was brilliantly fine, and this morning advantage was taken of the warm sunshine and the absence of wind to wheel His Majesty in a bath-chair round the grounds of Craigwell House, Bognor.

His Majesty was out for an hour and was accompanied by H.M. the Queen, with Sir Stanley Hewett, his physician, in attendance.

It was stated this evening that the King had passed a good day.—*British Wireless.*

**Who Feet the Bill?**

A size 25 pair of shoes has been made for a 10-year-old schoolboy at Alton, Missouri, who is 6 ft. 10 in. high and weighs 17st. 12lb. Five square feet of leather were used in manufacturing the shoes.

**HONGKONG AERIAL PROSPECTS.****THE NEED FOR SERVICES TO AID COMMERCE.****CANTON'S EXAMPLE.**

Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, writing under date of yesterday, says: "In your article published to-day, entitled, 'Local Air Services', you draw attention to one or two points which I consider to be of such importance that they require further attention. The appointment of the Director of Air Services is, without doubt, a step in the right direction. You say, 'The creation of a new official post, the Director of Air Services, implies that the Government intends seriously to concern itself with the provision of civil flying facilities in Hongkong in the near future.' I think that it is only right it should be made clear that the Government have seriously considered the various problems connected with Civil Flying facilities in Hongkong for the past eighteen months. Unfortunately the same can not be said of the local business men."

Aerial mail, passenger and freight services are essential to the business of the Colony. They are therefore worthy of the serious attention of the big business houses and shipping companies in the Colony. In another way the Flying Club is of importance to the Colony. I have outlined these reasons sufficiently in the past to make it unnecessary to go into them here; if they are not well known, they should be. Singapore started a Flying Club about a year ago with two machines; they have over 100 members, and they have recently obtained two more machines, making four in all.

There are 26 Flying Clubs in England, all doing well, with several thousand members, many of whom own their own machines. As a part of the Empire it is the duty of Hongkong to establish a Flying Club together with aerial mail, passenger and freight services. Constructive criticism is always helpful. I invite those who hold the opinion that because Hongkong has never had a Flying Club or Aerial Service the two proposals are doomed to failure, to give their reasons.

You draw attention to the Avians recently supplied to the Canton Aviation Bureau, and you say that the Canton authorities have not fully disclosed their intentions. The Avians are going to be used for the Training School at Tai Sha Tau, where there are over 100 Cadets undergoing flying training. The Canton Aviation Bureau, under the Direction of General Cheung Wai-jung, have prepared plans for a number of aerial mail and passenger services. These plans are not just "on paper," experimental flights have been carried out over the proposed routes. All that is necessary to bring these aerial services into existence is to obtain the aircraft.

Canton has definitely decided that aerial services are of vital importance to their business, the next step in the Colony is for Hongkong to decide if aerial service are necessary to British trade in China. When this has been done we may be in a position to take another step forward and "get into the air."

**MAJOR SEGRAVE'S TRIUMPH.**

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train of spur gears, there being two propeller-shafts driving two crown wheels. The shafts are enclosed in very large tubes.

Other interesting details are the independent control of each front wheel and the special marles steering gear. The compression of the engine is no less than 12 to 1, which means the use of special fuel. It is cooled by a special type of aeroplane radiator, running on each side of the car, the full length between the wheels, and, in addition, a device called the Eutectic cooler is installed for emergency use. This is, briefly, a tank containing a freezing chemical, past which the water can be circulated if necessary.

**Water Speed Record Now?**

Major Segrave will now prepare for his attempt on the world's record speed on water, which at present stands to the credit of America with 92.83 m.p.h.

The challenger is an entirely new departure in boat construction, having a specially designed and strengthened hull of great lightness and breadth to eliminate the risk of turning over, due to the excessive torque from the transmission of 900 H.P. from a single propeller.

The propeller itself will run at an under-water speed of 6,550 revolutions per minute—a speed hitherto believed impossible and only realized as a result of extensive experimental work carried out over a period of some months. The length is 27 ft. 6 in., the breadth 7 ft. 6 in. and the total weight 29 cwt.

**SHANGHAI CONSUL PROMOTED.****SIR SIDNEY BARTON MOVING TO ABYSSINIA.****BECOMES MINISTER.**

London, Mar. 11. H.M. the King has approved of the appointment of Sir Sidney Barton, His Majesty's Consul General at Shanghai, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Addis Ababa, Abyssinia.—*British Wireless.*

Sir Sidney Barton, who was knighted in 1926, came to China as a student interpreter in September, 1895, and so soon did he show proficiency that he was interpreter to the British contingent during the operations at Tientsin in June and July of the Boxer year, 1900. Subsequently he was assistant political officer during the advance, in August, on Peking.

The next five years were spent partly at Tientsin as Vice-Consul, in Peking as Accountant to the Legation and again at Tientsin.

**First Shanghai Post.**

In March 1906, he first came to Shanghai as Shipping Vice-Consul, but in September of the same year he became the British Mixed Court Assessor and held that post for three years, when he was made Vice-Consul in Shanghai.

In 1910 Mr. Barton, as he then was, went Home on leave and was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple. Returning to China, he was sent to Peking and there remained, first as acting, then as substantive Chinese Secretary for 12 years. In March 1922, following the death of the late Sir Everard Fraser, he was promoted Consul-General in Shanghai.

**Hard Worker.**

Shanghai has been no bed of roses. A series of civil wars, a kaleidoscopic succession of contesting authorities and the terrible months succeeding "May 30" have meant for Sir Sidney Barton an almost unrelied strain. But through it all he has borne himself with cheerfulness and equanimity.

Sir Sidney has always been a terrific worker. He had a break from his duties when in 1926 he visited Hongkong, but it was scarcely a holiday. He is popularly supposed to spend his spare time in mastering Blue Books. But he is always a popular figure in society. He also plays golf and helped to inaugurate the new course at Seckingjoo.

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.****DIVIDEND OF \$43 PER SHARE**

We are officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders, to be held on 26th instant, the payment out of the profits for the year 1927 of a dividend of \$43.00 per share, absorbing \$344,000.00; to pass \$25,000 to credit of Sterling Reserve, \$100,000 to credit of Silver Reserve and £4,753.18-10 to credit of Reinsurance Fund, carrying forward \$675,329.19 in respect of the year 1928.

**"FINE TO CLOUDY."**

The anticyclone has weakened and is now central over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Moderate monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the China Sea. The Observatory forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

**TROOP MOVEMENT CONTINUES.****TRANSPORTS MOVING UP THE YANGTSE.****HANKOW IS QUIET.**

Naval wireless messages received in Hongkong indicate that the movement of Nationalist troops up the Yangtze still continues on a large scale.

On Sunday, continuous troop movements up river from Nanking were reported, but Hankow remained quiet and there appeared to be little interest taken in the general situation.

A large number of troops arrived at Nanking from the North on Sunday, whilst about a dozen transports were anchored off the capital.

There is still no definite information as to the ultimate objective of the large number of troops leaving Nanking, but so far these have not passed Kiukiang.

A message from Nanking, dated yesterday, states that four transports full of troops sailed up river during the past twenty-four hours, whilst about a dozen transports were still anchored at Nanking.

**NEW SLOOPS FOR CHINA STATION.****DUE HERE EARLY IN JUNE.**

The two new sloops, H.M.S. Sandwich and H.M.S. Bridgewater, which are to relieve the Foxglove and the Bluebell on the China Station, are due to leave England for Hongkong on April 8. They will reach here on June 4.

The Foxglove and Bluebell will leave the station towards the end of March and the four sloops will meet at Aden on May 1. The Foxglove and Bluebell will reach England on June 3.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, will sail for Shanghai to-day. It is expected that she will stay in Shanghai for about ten days and then return to Hongkong.

H.M. ships Bruce, Seraph and Somme sailed for Amoy this morning, while the Sterling and Stormcloud left for Swatow.

Other naval movements reported to-day are the arrival of the Magnolia at Chefoo from Weihaiwei and the Cornflower at Weihaiwei from Chefoo.

H.M.S. Concord, which made a trooping trip to China, arrived at Portsmouth from Hongkong on March 10.

The transport Somersetshire, which has been held up at Singapore for repairs, is expected to sail for Hongkong on March 14.

**Plenty of Pressure.**

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**HOTEL DISASTER STATEMENT.****SUPT BROOKS AND WATER PRESSURE.****SEARCH CONTINUES.**

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Inmates of the Hotel were waiting on the second floor veranda.

No. 11 motor pump also got promptly to work with deliveries brought in through the main entrance of the Hotel to the staircase and lift. Flames had broken out, intensively, in the central portion of the Hotel, and shooting upwards these were making short work of the wood that represented the main constructional material of the interior of the building. So sudden and intense was the outbreak that the two topmost floors were alight by the time two other appliances pulled out of the station.

These appliances arrived at 8.10, Mr. Brooks stated. They were No. 12 motor pump and the No. 9 turntable ladder. As the work became more and more urgent, an order was sent through to the largest of the fire-floats, the No. 1 fire-float for it to be brought into use from the sea-wall.

The No. 1 fire-float, explained Mr. Brooks, was also kept under steam day and night, and it needed but a few seconds for it to get under way from the time of the receipt of the call.

It was also found necessary to use the smaller fire-float, No. 3, which arrived at 8.58 a.m. and took a position alongside the other float next to the Star Ferry Wharf.

**No Delay.**

Concerning No. 3 float, it was explained by Mr. Brooks that as a matter of procedure it got up steam only after the larger emergency float had left. There was no question of any avoidable delay in the dispatch of the second float.

From these two floats three 4-inch deliveries were led through Ice House Street and disposed at effective points bearing on the seat of the fire.

The naval authorities also assisted with a tug which, moored on the other side of the Star Ferry pier, was able to get two small lines into use.

In the meantime, what is known as the "Brigade Call," which was sent through only on occasions of great emergency when every appliance and man of the Brigade were needed, was received at the various stations, and the two appliances belonging to the Wanchai and Kennedy Town Sub-Stations were rushed to the scene, the first arriving at 9.32 and the other at 9.36, according to the official log.

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**The Fire Escapes.**

The fact, continued Mr. Brooks, that the rescue ladders fell short of the uppermost storeys and failed to reach those who were on these verandas, was not to be taken as an assumption that the Brigade was deficient in its devices for saving life. The escapes used were the same as those of up-to-date Brigades elsewhere, with a length standardised at 60 feet. Used against a building of the height of the King Edward Hotel, they reached the level only of the second storey, but, short as they appeared to be, they were the means of rescuing no fewer than seven persons in the fire.

In addition, the Brigade possessed the No. 9 turntable ladder mentioned above, which, being 80 feet long, had a higher reach than the escapes. Yet it could not reach higher than the level of the third floor when brought into use. Again, this turntable ladder was the means of saving three other persons, one of them being a Chinese who was taken off from a precarious perch, clinging to a piece of masonry over the entrance.

Where escapes and turntable were of no avail in the endeavour to take off people trapped in the topmost storeys, they were urged to jump into the jumping sheets that were

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## LAWN TENNIS.

### RUMJAHNS WIN IN FOUR SETS.

The holders of the Open Doubles Championship, S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, played off their match with J. A. Casumboy and L. M. A. Razack yesterday afternoon and won in four sets, after losing the first. They were easily the better combination, the younger couple not being as consistent as the holders.

The Rumjahns were content, to wear their opponents down in the first set, not making very strenuous efforts to take the set, which went to Casumboy and Razack after nine games. The latter pair, however, were playing well together but failed to maintain their form in the subsequent sets, and lost the match by only taking another eight games, the scores being 8-6, 6-2, 6-4.

In the Singles Event, Horace Lo had little difficulty in accounting for Y. Sajiki. The match only went to three sets, Lo conceding five games.

An interesting tie in the Club Championship was the match between S. E. Green and his son, D. S. Green, the former winning in straight sets. The son only won one game. The winner is now in the semi-final. J. S. McEnearan is also in the semi-final, having received a walk-over from H. Owen Hughes.

### Yesterday's Results.

Open Singles.—Horace Lo beat Y. Sajiki 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Open Doubles.—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat J. A. Casumboy and L. M. A. Razack 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Club Championship.—S. E. Green beat D. S. Green 6-0, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "A"—S. E. Green received a walk-over from T. H. King.

Handicap Singles "B"—T. J. Price (two 2/6) beat V. W. L. Stanton (one 1/6) 9-11, 6-3, 6-3; E. R. Price (rec. 4/0) beat T. L. Christie (rec. 2/0) 6-2, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles.—A. Piercy and W. D. Fiddes Wilson (Scr.) beat T. W. Hall and C. H. Bradley (rec. 4/0) 4-0, 6-2, 6-1.

### To-day's Games.

Several interesting matches are down for decision this afternoon in the Open Events. The full programme is as follows:

Open Singles.—J. S. McEnearan v. E. F. Fincher; L. Goldman v. J. A. Casumboy.

Open Doubles.—Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham v. Lai Kwong-tsuen and Iu Tak-cheuk; M. K. and M. W. Lo v. S. E. and D. S. Green; Ho Kuan-lau and Ng She-kwong v. V. Yvanovich and C. Barreto.

Handicap Singles "B"—C. Stigler (two 2/6) v. M. D. Scott (two 2/6).

Handicap Doubles.—J. H. Ashworth and H. A. Mills (rec. 5/0) v. A. H. Crook and O. C. Womack (Scr.).

### Inter-Club Match.

In a lawn tennis match at the German Tennis Club, the home team beat the Kowloon C.C. by five games. Scorer:

G. Boedicker and R. Noldt (German Tennis Club) beat L. Jack and A. E. Guest 7-4, beat W. W. Hirat and F. E. Lawrence 8-3, lost to A. W. Brown and E. R. Price 6-6.

H. Ammann and B. Soltau (German Tennis Club) lost to Jack and Guest 2-9, beat Hirat and Lawrence 8-3, lost to Brown and Price 5-6.

G. von Ehren and H. Doese (German Tennis Club) lost to Jack and Guest 3-8, beat Hirat and Lawrence 9-2, lost to Brown and Price 6-6.

Total: German Tennis Club, 52 games; Kowloon C.C. 47 games.

## LOCAL YACHTING.

### THE LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP RACES YESTERDAY.

The R.H.K.Y.C. seventh Ladies' Championship race was sailed yesterday, the course being—Lyman Beacon (P), Cust Rock (P), a distance of 5.6 miles. The results were: Handicap Class, Started 3 p.m.

Yacht.	Finishing Corrected for Points	Time.	Season.
Diana	4.03.54	4.11.04	
Colleen	D.N.E.	40	
Holla	D.N.S.	9	
Falcon	D.N.E.	1	
J. A. Linda	4.08.40	4.04.42	
Doris	D.N.E.	24	
I. Y. and G. Starbird	3.05 p.m.		
Daphne	D.N.R.	29	
Allie	D.N.R.	36	
Balyon	D.N.R.	0	
Carl	D.N.R.	11	
Hermes	D.N.R.	0	
Tirca	D.N.R.	0	
Viking	D.N.R.	0	
Jean (6)	4.24.18	4.22.21	
W. H. Walker (6)	4.24.18	4.22.28	
Willy (4)	4.23.41	4.21.49	98
Bluerose (4)	4.22.39	4.20.47	61
Isobell (2)	4.22.20	4.20.25	109
Breedwell (1)	4.22.18	4.20.22	97
Adams	D.N.E.	0	
Zephyr	D.N.E.	0	
Lola (7)	4.22.28	4.20.04	54

## GOLF IN CANTON.

### MARRIED COUPLES ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Annett won the Married Couples Annual Competition, over 18 holes on the Tungshan Recreation Club's course at Tungshan, Canton, on Sunday, with a score of 94, handicap 14, 80 net.

Mr. & Mrs. R. K. Batchelor were second with a score of 95, handicap 11, 80 net.

Amongst the other entries were Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Stratton, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jenkins, and Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Sandstrom.

## HOTEL FIRE LATEST.

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brought into use. Four were rescued in that way.

Mrs. Robson would have similarly been saved, but after jumping she struck a wire stretched across the street and fell clear of the sheet.

Mr. Brooks pointed out that the jumping sheets were brand-new and intact, in contradiction of a report that one of the victims dropped through one of the sheets.

### SEARCH CONTINUES.

A big staff of firemen, P.W.D. and Sanitary Department-cookies has been occupied all this morning removing the debris from the ruins of the King Edward Hotel and searching for the remains of any residents who may have lost their life in the fire.

The task is a formidable one, for the huge pile of debris is some twenty feet in height. It is gradually being reduced, however, and brought out into the street. Some idea of the intensity of the heat during the height of the blaze may be gathered from the fact that metal parts of bedsteads discovered in the debris are shown to have been melted, whilst steel girders which supported the floors are twisted into all manner of shapes.

Mr. Enos Seth's room was on the fifth floor, at the Des Voeux Road corner overlooking the alleyway between the Hotel and Alexandra Building, and, with all the rooms on that side, it collapsed, the ruins dropping to the level of the third floor.

There is still a great deal of work to be done in clearing away the debris, and until this is completed it will not be possible to say whether there are more bodies to be brought out.

### DOUBLE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robson is to take place this evening, the cortège passing the Monument at 4.50 p.m.

As the late Mr. Robson had seen war service, was on the staff of the Royal Naval Dockyard and was a member of the Volunteer Defence Corps, it is probable that the interment will take place with military honours.

Mr. Robson came to Hongkong from Sheerness, prior to which he had served at Chatham and at the Admiralty. He was a member of the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and took part in the guard of honour at "Edinburgh Castle" during the Military Tattoo at Soekumpo last October.

Mr. and Mrs. Robson, who for a time lived at the Peak Hotel, were married three years ago. There are no children.

### TRIBUTE TO HOTEL "BOYS."

A warm tribute to the gallantry of the King Edward Hotel "boys" was paid to-day by Mr. B. Henderson, who was one of the residents who managed to make his escape.

Mr. Henderson had a room on the fourth floor, and he was awakened shortly after three o'clock yesterday morning by the sound of police whistles. At first, he did not pay much heed to the noise, but it later became apparent that something serious was occurring, and he accordingly got out of bed and opened the door.

He then realised that the place was in flames. Snatching up a letter of credit, which was the only thing he managed to save, he was dashing out when one of the Hotel "boys" came to call him. At first Mr. Henderson was making off in one direction, when the "boy" told him that there was no exit that way and told him to follow him, which he did.

On the way, other "boys" were seen rousing residents and packing up their belongings, and Mr. Henderson said there was no panic whatever, all having time to walk leisurely to the bridge connecting with Alexandra Buildings, by which they all made their escape.

Mr. Henderson says the "boys" behaved admirably throughout and showed the utmost coolness.

### THE CASUALTIES.

The official list of casualties is as follows:

Killed.—Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robson (British). Mr. William Wool (Australian). Mons. Paul Baillot (French). Stephen Kish (American). Dr. (Mrs.) Tsui Kan-shui and her brother, Wong Kwong-leung, Mr. Cheung Hei-kang (Secretary to General Chan Ming-shu), and Leung Kwan (room-boy).

Injured.—General and Madame Chan Ming-shu, Andrew Piccioli (U.S.S. Memphis), Ng Kar-yuen (Kitchen-boy) and To Chat (room-boy).

## SHARE PRICES.

### TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

### BANKS.

Hongkong Bank, \$1300 n. Chartered Bank, £212 b. Mercantile & B., £34 n. P. and O. £94 n. East As \$494 n.

### INSURANCES.

Canton Ins., \$695 b. Union Ins., \$388 n. North China Ins., Tls. 160 b. Yangtze Ins., \$50 n. China Underwriters, \$2.20 b. China Fires, \$20 b. H. K. Fire Ins., \$790 b.

### SHIPPING.

Douglas, \$364 n. H. K. Steam oats, \$27.50 n. H. K. Tugs, \$1.95 b. Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$92 n. Union Waterboats, \$224 b.

### Mining.

Bengtels, \$2.70 b. Kailan, 70/- n. Langkawi, Tls. 14 b. Shai Exploration, Tls. 3.00 sa. Taubs, \$7.10 n. Tropons, 17.6 n. Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1264 n. Whampoa Docks, \$404 n. China Provident, \$4.85 s. Hongkong, \$1684 b. New Engineering, Tls. 51 n. Shanghai Docks, Tls. 112 n.

### COTTONS.

Two Cottons, Tls. 13.35 b. Orientals, Tls. 2 n. Shai Cottons, Tls. 70 (old) b.

### LANDS, HOTELS, ETC.

H. K. Lands, \$633 b. Shai Lands, Tls. 166 b.

### HUMPHREYS.

Humphreys, \$14 b. Realities, \$8.60 n.

### PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Tramways, \$10.25 n.

Peak Trams, (old) \$13 s. Star Ferries, \$684 n. China Lights, (old) \$12.75 b.

H. K. Electric, \$56 sa. Macao Electrics, \$6.62 n. Telephones, \$74 n. China Buses, Tls. 11.75 n. Singapore Tractions, 11/6 n.

### INDUSTRIALS.

China Sugars, \$1.25 n. Malabon, \$30 b. Canton Icas, \$21 s. Cements (Comb.) \$9.10 b. Ropes (Old) \$74 b. United Asbestos, \$5 n.

### STORES ETC.

Dairy Farms, \$204 s. Watsons, \$14 b. Dor A. Wing, \$80 b. Lano Crawford, \$24 n. Mackintosh, \$20 n. Sinceros, \$102 b.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Amusements, \$267 s. Constructions, \$1.25 s. B. Quo Ind. G. Bonds, \$664%. H. K. G. Loan, \$5 s. Prom. Interest.

with severe injuries to his back. He is 28 years of age and is a native of Montpelier, Vermont. He has been in the Navy for six years.

The official list of casualties is as follows:

Killed.—Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robson (British). Mr. William Wool (Australian). Mons. Paul Baillot (French). Stephen Kish (American). Dr. (Mrs.) Tsui Kan-shui otherwise Mrs. Wong Yuk-ying. She recently came to Hongkong on a visit with her brother, Mr. Wong Kwong-leung and perished with him in the fire.

On the way, other "boys" were seen rousing residents and packing up their belongings, and Mr. Henderson said there was no panic whatever, all having time to walk leisurely to the bridge connecting with Alexandra Buildings, by which they all made their escape.

Mr. Henderson says the "boys" behaved admirably throughout and showed the utmost coolness.

### THE CASUALTIES.

The official list of casualties issued by the police shows no variation in those previously published, excepting that what at first appeared to be the remains of a Japanese woman have, since been

New Serial.

## ORCHID.

BY ELEANOR EARLY.

## CHAPTER XXVII

They sat in silence. And the only sound that broke the stillness of the night was the mournful dove.

Ashoreth shivered. And, presently—for no reason at all—she began, very quietly, to cry.

"Why, Ashoreth, my dear—what is the matter, child?" Hollis was all tender compassion.

"You're not frightened, dear?"

"—I don't know," she sobbed. "It—it—it's nothing."

"You're nervous," he said. "It's that plaintive dove, sobbing in the dark. I think there's not a sadder sound in the world."

"I guess I'm lonely myself," she whispered. "Sometimes I miss daddy so much!"

"Of course you do," he agreed gently. "And no wonder you're upset, little girl."

"It's not just daddy either," she said. "It's Mom—and everything."

"I know," he murmured. "And that little dove up on the mountain was simply the last straw."

"You're the understandingest man," she told him, and pressed his fingers gratefully. "I won't be silly any more. Don't you hate girls who cry?"

"Well, usually," he admitted, "they are rather sloppy. But I think you're adorable, whatever you do."

Ashoreth powdered her nose vigorously.

"I'm glad it's dark," she confessed. "My nose always gets red when I cry—and there's nothing adorable about that, I assure you. I wish I was one of those women who weep artifically." It must be a great asset."

"I should imagine," he laughed, "it would take a lot of home work."

"Yes, I suppose so," she sighed, "and I've no technique at all. Movie actresses practice in front of their mirrors. Maybe that would help. It must be wonderful to just have your eyes well up with tears that never spill. And your mouth sort of quiver, and your throat palpitate. And your nose never get red at all. Nor your face get wet."

Hollis Hart smiled in the darkness.

"An artistic triumph," he conceded. "But not much of a fling, emotionally speaking. I suppose, though, that when a girl's weeping for effect it's not an emotional debauch at all. Part of the act, as it were. And the whole blooming show put on for the benefit of some hard-hearted male. After all, a woman hasn't any weapon like tears. Now dry yours, like a good child, and I'll sing you a song."

He picked up his guitar, and strumming softly, sang, "Don't cry, little girl, don't cry. They have broken your heart, I know."

"Stop it!" she threatened, "or I'll cry some more."

"Well, talk to me then," he commanded. "Tell me some more about your mother. Does she still dream about Cleopatra and Dido?"

But Ashoreth had told all she proposed telling about Malzie.

"No, I don't think so," she said. "Anyhow, she doesn't talk about it, if she does."

"Does she still believe in reincarnation?" he asked.

"Well, not exactly. That is—honestly, I hardly know. She never mentions it, you see. But she still insists that Ashoreth is a lucky name, and that I'm to be blessed with love and happiness. Gifts, I suppose, of Lady Moon."

"That's a pretty notion," he approved. "And I think Ashoreth is a beautiful name, you know."

"I've always hated it myself until lately," she confessed. "It made me fearfully self-conscious when I was little. I always had to explain it to everybody. People were forever asking what it meant. Eventually, of course, it was shortened to Ash. And that's such a grubby name. I simply abominate it."

"It doesn't suit you," he said, and fell silent for a while.

After a few minutes he spoke again.

"I know a lovely name for you. Shall I tell you?"

"A name you made up yourself?" she cried. "Just for me?"

"It's something you reminded me of," he said, "the first time I saw you. It's a name that wouldn't fit another girl in all the world quite as it fits you."

"What is it?" she demanded excitedly.

"Orchid," he told her softly. "You know, my dear, there isn't a flower in all the world quite so much like you. So chaste. And remote. Such a cool, exquisite thing."

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"Would you tell me about your father?" he asked. "Or had you rather not talk about him? Or—child?"

"Oh, I love to talk about him!" she cried. "I told you daddy was a man in a million. Hollis. Shall I tell you a secret that I've never told another soul in this world?"

"Why, if you would care to," he answered. "I should be profoundly touched, I am sure."

"Well, father left a letter for me," she told him. "A most remarkable sort of a letter. I haven't shown it to anybody—not even mother. In fact," she added honestly, "mother is probably the last person on earth I ever would show it to. I carried it around with me until it was almost worn out. It's in a little box now, in the bottom of my hat box, all tied up with tissue paper and ribbons. But I think I know it almost by heart."

Ashoreth paused, near tears again.

"I won't tell you the beginning," she said, and there was a little rest, though, wasn't so private.

"It was sort of daddy's idea about what a young girl should know."

"You're sure," interrupted Hollis, "that you won't be sorry if you tell me?"

"Oh, no," she said. "I'd really like to. Sometimes, you know, it's awfully personal, and not meant for anybody at all but me. The rest, though, wasn't so private."

"I know," he said. "Then tell me, Orchid. And I shall appreciate your confidence with all my heart."

"You're not sleepy?" she asked. "Sleepy?" he cried. "When I can talk with you? I should say not! I think, though, since we are going to sit up so long, I will speak to Hester, if you will excuse me for a moment."

"He went, she noticed, across the garden and down a little ravine.

"Hester!" he called. "Hester!"

The servants then did not sleep in the house. She was to be all alone with Hollis Hart. . . . What would Maizie say? And Monty? And Sadie?

Ashtoreth put her arms about her shoulders and hugged herself. Funny—the feeling it gave a girl, sleeping in the same house with a man. Just she and he.

(To Be Continued.)

LETTER GOLF  
SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

CLAY, PLAY, PLAT, PEAT, PENT, PINT, PINE, PIPE.

He looked at her curiously.

"What a wise young person she is!" he bantered.

"Daddy hated cosmetics," she told him. "He didn't want me even to use powder. You see—"

"He hesitated.

"Yes?" he prompted.

"Well, mother's an awfully different type," she floundered.

"And munis uses sort of a lot of rouge and stuff. And father got so he simply hated it. You see, Hollis, my father was a man with very decided opinions. I absolutely worshiped him, and I suppose he influenced me a great deal."

"But your mother?" he asked.

"Did he ever ask her to refrain from cosmetics?"

"Oh, yes," admitted Ashoreth, "but mother thought he was sort of an old fogey, and she didn't pay any attention. She loved him like everything, Holly. She'd simply have died for him. But—well, mother and father weren't a bit alike. They never really understood each other, I think."

They were silent again for a little. And Ashoreth wondered if Hollis was revolving her mother in his mind. What sort of a picture had she conveyed now of Malzie? And what would he think of her if he should ever meet her? Painted and garish, in her purple velvet suit. Why couldn't she tell him the truth? She might say something like this:

"Malzie," she might say, "I've been an absolute beast about my mother. I've lied and I've pretended. And I'm not worthy to shine her blessed shoes! She's the dearest, kindest woman that ever lived. She's gone out working by the day. She's shined stoves and scrubbed floors. And spent her hard-earned money to buy me silk stockings and patent leather pumps. She's worked her fingers to the bone for me. She's good and loyal, and adorable, above all women."

"And I'm ashamed of her because she makes the most awful grammatical mistakes. And dyes her hair. And uses too much make-up. And wears a purple velvet suit. And acts exactly like the genuine, simple soul she is."

"She's the salt of the earth—"

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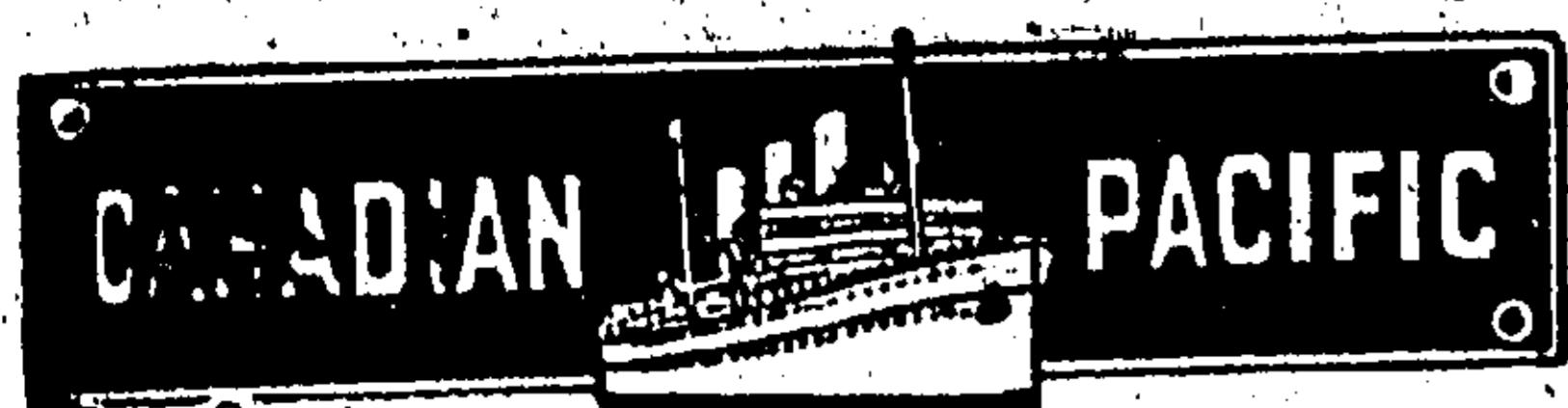
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PUBLIC LAND SALE.

KÉEN BIDDING FOR TWO LOTS IN MONGKOK.

The sale by public auction of two pieces of land at Kowloon produced keen bidding, at the Land Office of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2178, with an area of 4,470 square feet, was the first of the two sites to be put up for sale. Bidding commenced at \$7,823, and this figure was raised by brisk competition between three prospective purchasers to well over the five-figure mark. At \$12,000 the property was knocked down to Mr. Andrew Harper. The property is situated at Portland Street, Mongkok.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2179 which was next offered, was sold to Mr. Fred C. Mowfung, of Messrs. Banker and Company, who outbid two other competitors. The sale price was \$2,050.

The property measures 1,052 square feet, and is situated at San Yeung Choi Street, Mongkok.

Reclamation Lot.

The sale by public auction of three valuable pieces of property was effected at the China Auction Rooms yesterday, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza being the auctioneer.

The first lot, comprising the buildings known as Nos. 123 and 125 Hollywood Road, was sold for \$66,000, the area of the property being given as 1,436 square feet or thereabouts.

The second lot, described as the remaining portion of Section B of Inland Lot No. 851, with a building thereon, and known as No. 25, Circular Pathway, was disposed of for a sum of \$21,500.

Lot No. 3, consisting of 6,555 square feet of the Praya East Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 124, was sold for \$17,000.

All three properties were bought by the Yue Hing Company.

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5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music.

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"The Dollar Princess" (Leo Fall)

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"Braths Waltzes," (Bratha)

Pianoforte Duet by Barnett and

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"Napoleon,"

"She's Mine,"

Comedian, Billy Bennett.

"Chauve Souris—Round

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"A Russian Barcarolle,"

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Mme. Birso and Ershov.

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"St. Louis Blues," (Handy)

"Chimes,"

Sol Hoopii Novelty Trio.

"Cuckoo," (You remind me of a

naughty spring time).

"So Tired," Florence Oldham.

"Rose of the South—Waltz,"

"Wiener Blut—Waltz,"

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch.

"Quartet in G minor,"

(Debussy—Op. 10, No. 1)

Lener String Quartet.

(Lener, Smilovits, Roth, and

Hartman).

"The Meandering of Monty, No. 20,"

(Monty attends a board-meeting)

Monologue by Milton Hayes.

"In Springtime,"

"At Love's Beginning,"

Florence Oldham.

"How About Me?" (Berlin)

"My Mother's Eyes,"

(Baer and Gilbert)

Organ Solo, Milton Charles.

"Beautiful Isle of Somewhere,"

(Pearls) Shannon Quartet.

"How Can I Leave Thee,"

(Thuringian Folk Song)

The American Singers.

10.10 p.m. News Bulletin.

"Lady Mary—I've Got a Feeling

for Somebody," The Kit-Cat Band.

"Lady Mary—Why should

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## EXTRADITION CASE.

## COMING AND GOING.

### ALLEGED MURDERERS WANTED IN CANTON.

Extradition proceedings were instituted before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy for the surrender to the Canton authorities of Lo Ping-sing and Lo Tez-wang, who were arrested recently in the Colony following upon information laid with the police.

The requisition from the Canton authorities charged the two men with the murder of Lo Ying-wing, a Deputy Chief of Village Volunteers on June 28 of last year. The scene of the incident is stated to be Lo Ping Village, in the Sun-wui district of Kwangtung.

An eye-witness of the crime, who gave his name as Lo Chung-yu, told the Court that on the day in question he had seated himself on a stool in front of the shop in which the deceased carried on business as a grocer, when he saw the two men enter the building. They were armed, and witness heard the first urge his companion to shoot Lo Ying-wing. Lo Tez-wang did as he was told, and the first shot, fired from a revolver, caught the Deputy Volunteer Chief in the chest. He cried out "Ai-Yah" in pain, but was able to run a few paces before he was shot down from behind. This second bullet penetrated the back of his head, and he collapsed.

Witness then heard the first fugitive call out "Where are the keys of the safe?" but was not so much concerned with the keys as with his own safety. He ran out of the village, but later returned to assist at the general council of the village elders sitting to deliberate over the murder.

Lo Xin-yin, who acted as Secretary at this meeting, stated that it was held in the principal ancestral house. The upshot was that a reward of money was offered for the arrest of the two fugitives.

Mr. A. E. Hall represented the prisoners, the case for the Crown being conducted by Mr. Somerset Pittock.

The hearing was adjourned.

### PASSENGERS DUE TO ARRIVE ON P. AND O. LINERS.

The following passengers are booked for Hongkong on P. and O. Liners:

Per s.s. Naldera left London on February 8.—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bird, Miss N. Berent, Mr. M. J. Breen, Mr. E. E. Benham, Miss Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Clarke, Miss D. F. Dunnott, Mr. A. C. Groves, Mr. H. A. Garle, Mr. and Mrs. Goodrick, Miss J. E. Hones, Mr. A. F. Judd, Pay-Comdr. D. S. Lambert and Mrs. Lambert, Mr. D. C. Macdonald, Comdr. D. S. E. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Strange, Mr. S. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Saville, Mr. P. M. Tancred, Mrs. F. A. Williams, Miss R. Wellman, Miss J. E. Wellman, Mr. R. V. S. White.

Per s.s. Karmala left London on February 14.—Mr. J. A. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. P. Fowler.

Per s.s. Mantua left London on February 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. I. M. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers, Mr. H. C. Gray, Miss E. J. Lammert.

Per s.s. Kashmira left London on March 7.—Mr. J. A. Dewhurst, Mr. H. Dewhurst, Mr. H. G. Hegarty, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald, Mr. D. S. Pethick.

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## MARSHAL LI.

### ARRIVAL AT SHANGHAI REPORTED.

Shanghai, Mar. 11.  
Marshal Li Chai-sum arrived this afternoon from Canton, and is staying with Mr. Chu Chao-nien, a Counsellor of the Foreign Office—Reuter.

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

### DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES YESTERDAY.

The private Distribution of Prizes of St. Mary's School, Kowloon, took place yesterday, the Rev. Father G. Spada, Provost Apostolic presiding.

The headmistress' report stated: This year the school met 327 times. The maximum enrolment was of 324 in March, 1928, against 303 in 1927. The average attendance during the year was 306, against 293 in 1927.

The Lugard Scholarship for the year 1928-1929 was awarded to Miss Pureza d'Eca. The Dr. Gomes Scholarships for regular attendance were awarded to: Misses Alda Britto, Rosario Fernandes, Aminha Abdullah, Carmen Pereira, Elsa Britto, Constance Gomes, Elsa Silva, Edith Lee, Fatumeha Yuman Khan, Maria Wong, Irene Silva, Mabel Lim, Mabel Ng, Mocia Silva and Mildie Osmund.

The school was inspected by Mr. A. Sutherland, and his report on the school year's work reads as follows:—Staff adequate according to Grant Code requirements. Discipline excellent. I spent two mornings and one afternoon in the school, during which time I saw work in each class. I heard very good singing and recitation in the kindergarten. From Class 8 onwards I heard reading and recitation. Saw arithmetic worked on the blackboard, and asked questions on all their subjects. The answers were prompt and intelligent, and showed the result of careful teaching. Pronunciation was good. From Class 8 onwards in addition, I set dictation tests which were all well done. All written work, drawing and painting were excellent. Mrs. Sutherland inspected the sewing, and was very pleased with the utility and excellence of the work. The standard of efficiency of the school remains high.

### Examinations.

Twelve pupils sat for the Matriculation and Senior Local examination, and 12 passed the Senior, two of them obtaining honours. There were two distinctions, one for English and one for needlework.

Eleven pupils sat for the Junior Local examination, and 10 passed, two obtaining distinction in English and 3 in Biblical knowledge.

Dr. Stansfield and Dr. Minett carried out the medical inspection through the whole school, reporting the sanitary condition very satisfactory.

Members of the St. Vincent Society also honoured the School with their kind visit.

The pupils of St. Mary's took part as usual in St. Joseph's athletic sports at the Race Course, and also at some Local organised games such as hockey and football.

They were taken to the Queen's Theatre, and took great interest in the wonderful display of jungle life through "Chang".

### The Prize List.

Senior Local Certificates—Carmen da Silva (Honours, distinction in Biblical knowledge), and Cynthia Alves (Honours), and Cynthia Alves (Honours).

## PASSENGERS.

### ARRIVED.

Per s.s. President Taft from Manila on March 11.—Lt. C. V. Allen, Mr. N. Azuma, Mr. Louis Bian, Mr. Eugene Becker, Miss Mary Brooks, Mr. Chan Baboud, Mrs. H. P. Barnes, Miss P. L. Barnes, Mr. John Davis, Mr. Alfred W. Rouza, Mr. L. P. de Felin, Mrs. I. W. do Parez, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro de la Cruz, Miss F. de la Cruz, Mr. and Mrs. Perfecto Elizalde, Mr. E. E. Elser, Mr. H. Fenwick, Mr. H. Fukami, Mr. Pascal Grisoni, Mr. Robert O. Hoxie, Miss Ethel Holln, Miss K. Holln, Mr. Carl Hoas, Mrs. Alice Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jacopo, Mr. T. Jacopo, Miss G. Jacopo, Mrs. M. S. James, Mr. F. Knecht, Mr. R. Lobran, Mr. and Mrs. Lim Sian, Mr. George Liu, Mr. R. E. Mander, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore, Mr. M. L. Nulla, Mr. E. Vasques Prada, Mr. Poen Cheung, Mr. Edwin A. Rowe, Mrs. I. Villa Real, Mr. K. Ramay, Mr. Ray Reynolds, Mrs. Marie Sieber, Miss Helen Spence, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shanks, Mr. Roy Teiger, Mr. and Mrs. S. de Urquijo, Miss J. de Urquijo, Mrs. S. de Urquijo, Master S. de Urquijo, Miss M. de Urquijo, Miss M. E. de Urquijo, Master S. de Urquijo, Miss M. de Urquijo, Miss M. Iturza, Lucy M. Wright, Miss G. Williams, Mrs. E. T. Weaver, Mr. Dee Ah-kong, Miss Margaret Bell, Mr. Charles H. Button, Mr. E. K. Fernandes, Mrs. Eli, Fetter, Mr. W. Haskall, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ring, Mr. John Satsky, Mr. C. H. Sweeney, Mrs. H. C. Tugge, Mr. Tan Hu-ken, Mr. Ko C. Ho, Mr. W. H. Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. C. Biddle, Mr. F. H. Canaday, Miss J. E. Nelson, Mr. Clinton Pease, Miss Edith Baldwin, Miss Elsie, M. Smith, Mrs. M. E. Bullone, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Hoover, Mr. Stephen Hoover, Miss Anna E. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hobbs, Miss Gertrude Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Mr. T. B. Sinclair, Mrs. Thomas Wright, Master T. W. Wright, Master P. C. Wright, Mr. Chas. A. Herder, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Bittonford, Master W. Bittonford, Miss M. Bittonford, Master W. Bittonford, Mr. M. F. Backus, Mr. Walter C. Brune, Mrs. Marjorie Brune, Master Alan Brune, Master Carl Brune, Mr. J. Ferry, Mrs. Sarah Geeson, Mrs. Edith Gideon, Mrs. Helen, Miss J. Hamilton, Mrs. G. Hamilton, Miss J. Hamilton, Miss N. Mathewson, Miss J. Noel, Mrs. Ethel R. Krause, Miss Maude Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Perrin, Miss Fae Sandall, Mrs. E. A. Stratton, Miss E. Van Meter, Mrs. A. E. Voss, Miss Janet Voss, Miss Enid Voss, Mr. Harry Wend, Mr. C. E. Walker, Mrs. Cliff Williams, Mrs. Emma R. Cutler, Mr. A. E. Franke and Mr. S. Prescott.

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## MILDER WEATHER.

### DANGER TO RHINE VALLEY NOW REMOVED.

London, Mar. 11.

Great Britain and Europe are now revelling in a mild heat wave, in contrast to the recent Arctic conditions. There has been no rain, and the serious floods once apprehended have not materialised.

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**THE KING EDWARD HOTEL FIRE DISASTER.**

This striking picture of the roof of the King Edward Hotel, taken after yesterday's disaster shows how the upper portion of the building was completely burnt out. It is the Ice House Street section which is shown, and it was here that the fire burnt most fiercely. (Photo: Mee Cheung.)

**INDIA OFFICE AND GANDHI.****NOW ADMITS AGITATOR WAS ARRESTED.****SWARAJIST BONFIRE.**

London, Mar. 11. Earl Winterton's recent denial that Gandhi, the noted Swarajist agitator, was arrested in Calcutta after a serious disturbance, was corrected by the Under-Secretary for India in the House of Commons to-day.

In the face of the reports from Calcutta, the story that Gandhi was not arrested seemed somewhat strange, and a series of questions were put bearing on this point.

Earl Winterton said that he had later information which showed that Gandhi was technically arrested at his residence in order to enable him to give recognizances. Gandhi is to be prosecuted for lighting a bonfire in a public place without authority.

Gandhi's bonfire was arranged at a meeting in Muzapur Park, Calcutta, and consisted of stacks of British cloth which were burned to emphasise the Indian National Congress resolution boycotting British cloth.

Gandhi was warned against making a pyre of the cloth in a public place; but urged his followers to disobey the official interdiction, with the result that a disturbance occurred.—Reuter.

**LI CHAI-SUM IN SHANGHAI.****SOUTHERN LEADER REMAINS NON-COMMITTAL.**

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Marshal Li Chai-sum, the Canton leader, gave an interview to Reuter's representative in Shanghai this evening. He was optimistic regarding a peaceful settlement of the Hunan imbroglio, but otherwise was non-committal.

He stated that he is arranging to leave for Nanking to-morrow evening. (Tuesday).—Reuter.

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton has been conferring with Chang Ching-kang, Tsai Yuen-pel, Wu Tse-hui and Li Shih-tseng. He told Pressmen later that the Wu-Han and Nanking leaders will probably reach some sort of compromise in the near future regarding the Hunan coup and the dismissal of Lu Ti-ping.

Marshal Li declared that he will probably proceed to Nanking to-morrow with the Moderate politicians to meet Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. Marshal Li added that he will try to persuade General Li Chung-yen to go with him.

Later. It is learned that Marshal Li Chai-sum had a long talk with Li Chung-yen this evening.

According to a Peking telegram, General Pei Chung-hsi another prominent Kwangsi leader, left Peking on Sunday evening for Tongshan. His movements have been closely watched by those apprehensive of a clash between Nanjing and Wu-I-fah.

**THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.****FUNCTIONS OF PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL BANK.****COMMITTEE TO REPORT**

London, Mar. 11. The Committee of Experts on Reparations held a plenary session this morning in Paris and discussed the function of the proposed new international bank for dealing with Reparation payments.

A Sub-Committee, presided over by Lord Revelstoke, one of the British delegates, was appointed to draw up a report regarding the functions of the new bank, especially in its relation to the exchange market and to measures to prevent heavy fluctuations in that market.

The new Sub-Committee will also consider how the new bank would stand in connexion with the Central Banks of issue, what credits its resources would be able to bear, and, lastly, how the capital of the new bank would be constituted.—British Wireless.

**FANLING GOLF.**

The final of the Championship of the Ladies Section was played over 18 holes on the old course at Fanling on Sunday and resulted in a win for Mrs. T. S. Whyte-Smith by 4 and 2, the runner up being Mrs. Sommerfeld.

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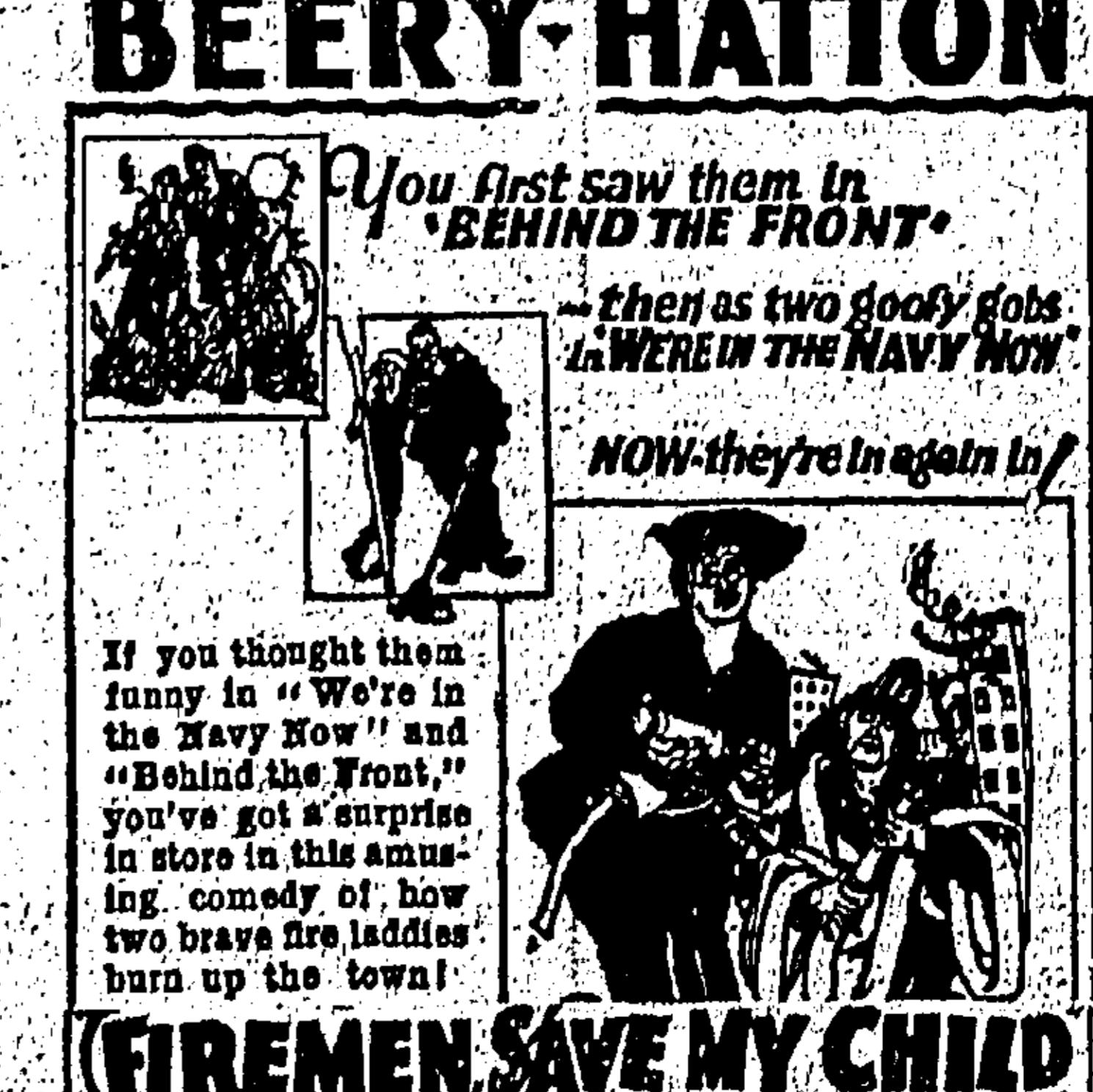
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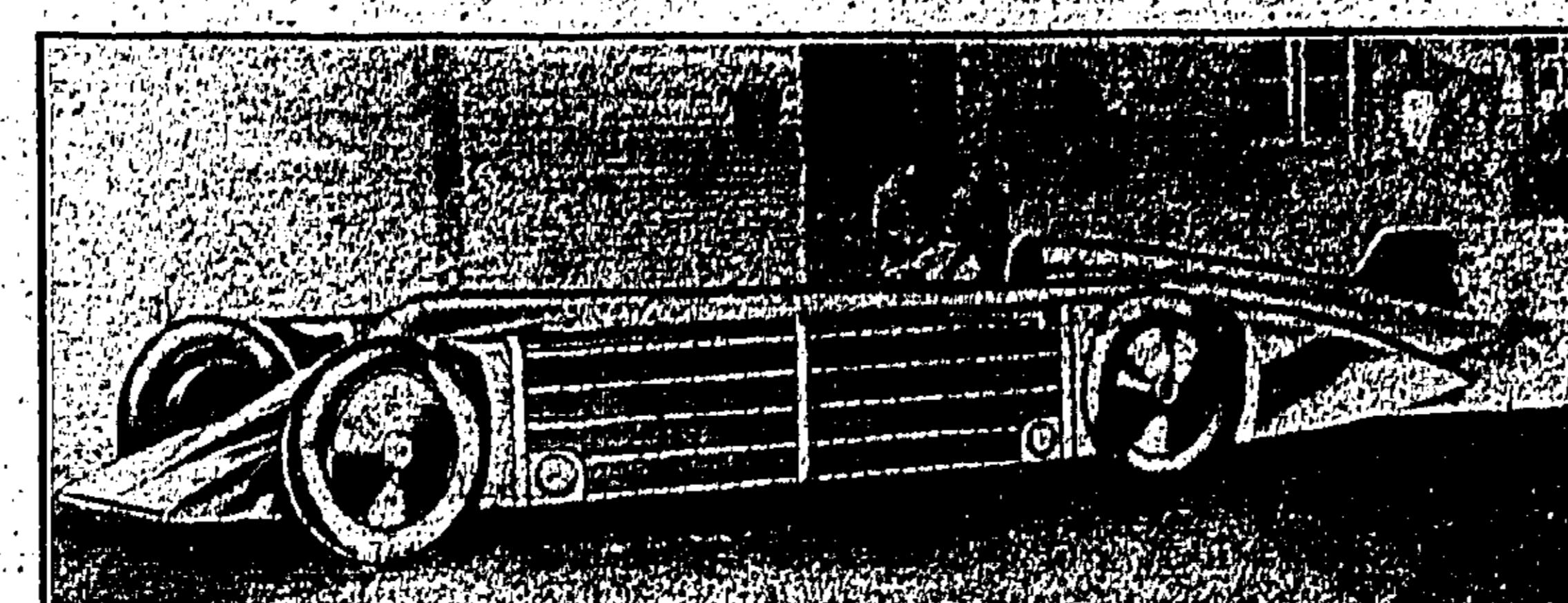
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